

## Good Church: Good deeds

(Video- Gaston's big adventure)

*That they may take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:19*

*Life=Zoe. of the absolute fulness of life. Life real and genuine, a life active and vigorous, devoted to God, blessed, in the portion even in this world of those who put their trust in Christ.*

### **Two steps to becoming rich**

1) Be rich in contentment

*Godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. I Timothy 6:6-10*

**Contentment = autárkeia: a mind contented with its lot**

*We live in a society where people perceive themselves to be entitled to having all their desires fulfilled. We take this to be part of our birthright. We accord ourselves victim status when it doesn't happen. We live in the culture of complaint. Robert Hughes*

*I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:11-13*

2) Be rich in good deeds

*Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*

*18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm*

*foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. I Timothy 6:17-19*

*When do you feel unfulfilled?*

*What area of your life is Jesus waiting to fill?*