

Our Spiritual Bank Account:

FR. ALEX'S FIVE SIMPLE STEPS TO GET RICH [QUICK!!] WITH GOD

—what we need to do to be super-rich; to store up great treasures in heaven... not on our own, but the Lord will work the work in us

1. GRATITUDE—RECOGNIZE AND GIVE THANKS!

Thank God for the wonderful gifts He has given us. We need to recognize how generous God is with us. Our lives are a gift from God. Each day is a gift from God.

2. TRUST – RADICAL TRUST IN GOD

God loves me, has my best interest at heart, God holds me in the palm of His hand—trust that with radical trust. Know that God will give us what we need to fulfill our purpose in His plan. Don't let your hands be clinched so tight that we are not open to receive.

3. GENEROSITY – WE GIVE BACK TO THE LORD

Once we realize how good God has been to us, after we acknowledge we've received so many gifts, we give back to God. Once we realize we are not going to run out—the LORD has our back, then it's easy to be generous. If we have a surplus, we give to others--to the poor. Look for others in need. It doesn't matter how much we give, but that we give. Again, we keep our hands open by giving to others, so we in turn, can receive.

4. DIVERSIFY –ABOUND IN EVERY VIRTUE!

You don't only want to be rich in generosity, but be just--fair and equitable, be chaste, be courageous, be humble, be patient, be prudent. You will find the virtue you need to grow in by looking at your vices.

Most Important Step...

5. ABOVE EVERYTHING PUT ON LOVE—PUT ON CHARITY--CHARITY ABOVE ALL ELSE

Our motivation for what we do is so important, so if our motivation for *everything* we do is love of God, "I do this because I love God," then everything we do every day counts toward our bank account in heaven. Doing everything because we love God, has tremendous impact in the spiritual life and in this life. This will propel us to know well how to use our material goods, our material surplus—make sure the poor are provided for and not clinging tightly to the things of this world, so as to miss the things of heaven.

REMEMBER: The greatest inestimable gift we can ever be given, we are given at Mass every time we receive the gift of Jesus Christ Himself – body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist. Let's work hard this week to give back in these five ways—and fall more deeply in love with the LORD.