

Examine Our Thoughts About Wealth

PART 1

Take a few moments and reflect on the following collection of questions derived from Henri Noewen's *A Spiritually of Fundraising*. Take note of any discoveries or ideas in the box below.

- How does your own wealth (or lack of) affect your self-esteem or sense of value?
- Does a drive for financial security affect your relationship with others? With God? In what ways?
- Do the rich have more money than they deserve?
- Are you concerned over the way the rich got their wealth?
- Do you find it easier to show compassion for the poor than the rich?
- Do you feel less affection for the rich than for the poor?
- Do you imagine what you would do with significant wealth, and judge the decisions the rich make?
- Have you considered the experience of the rich? Their loneliness? Their sense of being used?
Their sense that people see wealth as their identity and see nothing else?

Notes

PART 2

Considering your own experiences, answer the following questions:

- In your interactions with those of significant means, what have you learned about their motivations and fears?
- How does your own interaction with money impact the way you invite financial gifts?