

Foundations

Week Six: Money

5-Day Devotional - 10.26.25

Day 1

Checking Your Motives

Reading: James 4:1-10

Devotional:

Before we ask God for anything—whether provision, blessing, or direction—we must examine our hearts. James reminds us that wrong motives corrupt our prayers. When we approach God seeking wealth, success, or comfort merely for selfish pleasure, we miss the purpose of His blessings. God desires to give generously to His children, but He looks at the heart. Are we asking to consume it on our desires, or to advance His kingdom? Today, spend time in honest reflection. What are your true motives when you pray for financial blessing? Are you seeking comfort or kingdom impact? God isn't against blessing you; He's against blessing becoming your god. Surrender your desires to Him, and watch how He transforms both your requests and your heart.

Prayer Prompt:

Father, search my heart today. Reveal any selfish motives hiding behind my prayers. I don't want to just chase blessings—I want to pursue You. Purify my desires, align them with Your will, and teach me to seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness. Let every request I bring to You be rooted in surrender, not selfishness.

Day 2

The Prayer of Jabez

Reading: 1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Devotional:

Jabez was born into pain, labeled by his very name as one destined for struggle. Yet he refused to accept his circumstances as his destiny. His prayer is bold, specific, and faith-filled: "Bless me and enlarge my territory!" This wasn't presumption; it was faith in a generous God. Notice Jabez didn't just ask for blessing—he asked for God's hand to be with him and protection from harm. He understood that increased territory meant increased responsibility and spiritual warfare. God granted his request because Jabez's heart was aligned with God's purposes. What territory is God calling you to enlarge? What blessing are you afraid to ask for? Don't be bashful. Check your motives, commit to honoring God with the increase, and then ask boldly. Your heavenly Father delights in blessing His faithful children.

Prayer Prompt:

God, I'm asking in faith—bless me and expand my territory for Your glory. Let Your hand be with me. Give me courage to believe for more, not for my fame or comfort, but so that I can be a greater blessing to others. Keep me from harm and pride, and help me walk in humility as You entrust me with more.

Day 3

Faithful with Little

Reading: Luke 16:10–13

Devotional:

We often dream about what we'd do if we had more—more money, more time, more influence. But Jesus makes it clear: faithfulness isn't about the amount; it's about the attitude. If you cannot be trusted with small things, why would God entrust you with greater things? This principle applies to every area of life, especially finances. The person who says, "When I make more money, I'll tithe," is deceiving themselves. If you're not faithful with your current income, you won't suddenly become faithful with increase. God is watching how you steward what's already in your hand. Are you managing your current resources with integrity? Are you generous with the little you have? Faithfulness in small things qualifies you for greater things. Start where you are. Be faithful with what you have today, and trust God with tomorrow.

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, help me to be faithful with what I already have. I confess the times I've longed for more while neglecting what's right in front of me. Teach me to manage well, give generously, and honor You in the small things. Let my attitude reflect gratitude, and my actions reflect trust in Your provision.

Day 4

The Purpose of Wealth

Reading: 1 Timothy 6:17–19

Devotional:

Money is morally neutral—it's a tool that reveals our hearts. God blesses us financially for specific purposes: to advance His kingdom, care for our families, fulfill our calling, help others, and yes, even to enjoy His creation. The problem comes when we reverse the order, putting enjoyment first and kingdom purposes last. Paul instructs the wealthy not to be arrogant or put hope in uncertain riches, but to be generous and willing to share. This creates a "firm foundation for the coming age." Your wealth isn't ultimately about your comfort; it's about your calling. Every dollar is an opportunity to invest in eternity. How are you using your resources? Are you storing up treasure in heaven or just building bigger barns on earth? Today, ask God to show you one way you can use your finances to make an eternal impact.

Prayer Prompt:

Jesus, thank You for every resource You've entrusted to me. Help me not to trust in wealth, but in You—the One who richly provides. Give me wisdom to use what I have for eternal impact. Open my eyes to opportunities to give, to share, and to bless. Let my life reflect generosity, not greed, and purpose, not pride.

Day 5

The Greatest Treasure

Reading: Matthew 6:19-24

Devotional:

After discussing money, motives, and stewardship, we must return to the fundamental truth: Jesus is our greatest treasure. You can have perfect financial stewardship but miss the heart of God. Jesus warns that we cannot serve both God and money—where our treasure is, there our heart will be also. Before you worry about wealth management, investment strategies, or even tithing principles, settle the most important question: Have you surrendered your life completely to Jesus Christ? All the money in the world cannot purchase salvation, peace, or eternal life. Only Jesus offers that. He went to the cross willingly, paying the price for your sin so you could have relationship with the Father forever. Don't spend your life accumulating treasure that rust destroys and thieves steal. Invest in the imperishable treasure of knowing Christ. Everything else is secondary.

Prayer Prompt:

Jesus, You are my treasure. I don't want my heart tied to anything more than You—not money, not success, not comfort. Help me live for what lasts. Teach me to store up treasure in heaven by knowing You more deeply and obeying You more fully. I surrender everything I have to You, because You've already given me everything in Yourself.

Reflection Questions for the Week:

- What motives drive my financial decisions?
- Am I being faithful with what God has already given me?
- How can I use my resources to advance God's kingdom?
- Is Jesus truly my greatest treasure, or have I made money an idol?
- What specific step is God calling me to take in financial stewardship this week?