

# QFMC 5 Day Devotional

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## Day 1: Where Your Treasure Is, There Your Heart Will Be

Jesus teaches that our hearts follow what we treasure, and our priorities are revealed by where we invest our resources. The way we handle money and possessions is not just a financial matter, but a deeply spiritual one that reflects our true loyalties. If we examine our bank statements and budgets, they tell a story of what we value most—whether our focus is on earthly gain or on God’s kingdom. Jesus warns that we cannot serve both God and money, and that divided loyalty leads to misplaced hearts. Instead, we are called to let our worship shape every area of life, including our finances, so that our hearts are aligned with God’s purposes.

*Matthew 6:19-21, 24 (ESV)*

*“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ... No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”*

**Reflection: If someone looked at your bank statement or budget, what would they say you treasure most? What is one change you could make this week to better align your spending with your desire to put God first?**

## Day 2: Stewardship Is an Act of Worship

Everything we have belongs to God, and we are called to be faithful stewards rather than owners of our resources. When we give of our treasure—our money and possessions—we acknowledge that it all comes from Him in the first place. True stewardship means holding what God has given us with open hands, returning a portion to Him as an act of worship and trust. This posture shifts our hearts from control and anxiety to obedience and faith, recognizing that our giving is not about legalistic performance but about joyful surrender to God’s provision and purposes.

*Psalms 24:1 (ESV)*

*“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.”*

**Reflection:** In what ways do you tend to view your resources as “yours” rather than God’s? How might your attitude or actions change if you truly saw yourself as a steward and not an owner?

## Day 3: Give from the First, Not the Leftovers

Honoring God with our wealth means giving Him our first and best, not what is left over after we have met our own desires. When we give from the first, we demonstrate trust in God’s provision and acknowledge His rightful place as Lord over all we have. This act of faithful worship is not about pressure or guilt, but about aligning our hearts with God’s priorities and experiencing the freedom that comes from trusting Him. Giving from the first is a tangible way to put God first in our finances and to break the grip of fear or scarcity that can so easily take hold.

*Proverbs 3:9 (ESV)*

*“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce.”*

**Reflection:** What would it look like for you to give to God “from the first” this month? Is there an area where you’ve been giving God your leftovers instead of your best?

## Day 4: Seek First the Kingdom of God

Jesus calls us to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, promising that when we do, everything else will fall into its proper place. This is not a guarantee of material prosperity, but a promise of peace, fulfillment, and freedom when our priorities are rightly ordered. Balancing wise financial practices with faithful reliance on God requires ongoing trust and surrender, but when we put God first, we experience the joy and security that only He can provide. Whole life worship means that every area of our lives—including our finances—reflects our commitment to God above all else.

*Matthew 6:33 (ESV)*

*“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”*

**Reflection:** What is one practical way you can seek God’s kingdom first in your financial decisions this week?

## Day 5: Worship Is More Than a Moment—It’s a Whole Life Response

Worship is not confined to Sunday mornings or singing songs; it is a response to what God has done and a way of life that involves every part of us—heart, soul, time, talent, and treasure. God desires our hearts, not just our money or our actions, and He calls us to belong, believe, and bear fruit as people formed by grace and shaped by joyful surrender. When we live with a posture of open hands and surrendered hearts, our lives become a testimony of God's goodness and generosity, and we experience the deep joy of whole life worship.

*Romans 12:1 (ESV)*

*"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."*

**Reflection: In what area of your life—time, talent, or treasure—do you sense God inviting you to deeper surrender as an act of worship this week? What step can you take today to respond?**