



Pursuing Righteousness Over Worldly Gain



Explore how to prioritize godly righteousness rather than earthly wealth through Scripture, reflection, and prayer over three transformative days.



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Introduction

In a world full of temptations and the constant chase for wealth, status, and material possessions, the Bible offers us a different path—a path that values **righteousness** over worldly gain. The wisdom of *Proverbs 15:16* reminds us, "Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil." This study invites you to reflect deeply on what it means to pursue righteousness, to treasure what is eternal rather than what is fleeting.

Over the next three days, we will journey through Scripture to uncover God's heart for those who seek His kingdom above all else. You will discover how a life anchored in God's principles provides true peace and satisfaction far beyond what money or possessions can offer. Through devotional insights, reflective questions, journaling prompts, and prayer, this plan encourages you to evaluate your priorities, desires, and daily choices.

Let's embrace the challenge to cultivate a life where righteousness leads and worldly gain only follows, never being our primary pursuit. As you engage with God's Word, may you be inspired and equipped to live with integrity, contentment, and true godly wisdom. 🙏 ✨





Day 1: Choosing Righteousness Above Riches



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Your Verse

Proverbs 15:16 NIV – "Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 6:33 – "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*
- *1 Timothy 6:6 – "But godliness with contentment is great gain."*



Day 1: 🌿 Choosing Righteousness Above Riches

Devotional: The Peace of God's Righteousness Over Wealth

Proverbs 15:16 poses a stark but beautiful contrast: the calm and peace that comes from fearing the Lord but having little, versus the chaos and unrest that can accompany great wealth without righteousness. The pursuit of worldly gain often promises happiness but frequently delivers stress, temptation, and spiritual emptiness.

In *Matthew 6:33*, Jesus calls us to prioritize God's kingdom and righteousness first. This is not a denial of blessings or provision but a realignment of our hearts. When righteousness leads, our needs are met in God's perfect timing and way.

Today, consider what it means to fear the Lord—the reverence, awe, and trust in God that leads to wisdom and peace. How might your life look if your primary pursuit was godly righteousness, even if that meant less in material wealth? Let this challenge transform your perspective, inviting contentment and trust beyond earthly circumstances.



Day 1: 🌿 Choosing Righteousness Above Riches

Reflect and Apply

1. What does it mean to 'fear the Lord' in your daily life?

2. How have you seen worldly gains bring turmoil or peace?

3. In what areas can you prioritize righteousness over material success?



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Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time when pursuing wealth caused stress or conflict.

2. List ways you can seek God's kingdom first in your current season.

3. Reflect on what contentment looks like for you spiritually and practically.



Day 1: 🌿 Choosing Righteousness Above Riches

Prayer for Today

Lord, help me to fear You above all else and to treasure righteousness more than wealth. Teach me to find true contentment in Your presence and to trust Your provision even when I lack earthly abundance. Guide my heart to seek Your kingdom first, knowing that Your ways bring peace and joy that money cannot buy. Thank You for Your faithfulness and love. In Jesus' name, Amen.





Day 2: 🏛️ Wisdom's Role in True Wealth



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Your Verse

James 3:17 NIV – "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Proverbs 3:13 – "Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding,"*
- *Ecclesiastes 5:10 – "Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income."*



Day 2: 📖 Wisdom's Role in True Wealth

Devotional: Heavenly Wisdom Guides Us Away from Greed

Wisdom is more valuable than gold because it guides us on the path of righteousness. **James 3:17** describes heavenly wisdom as pure, peace-loving, merciful, and sincere. This wisdom helps us discern what truly enriches our lives beyond material possessions.

Proverbs 3:13 praises those who find wisdom and understanding as truly blessed. Earthly wealth is fleeting and often leaves the soul wanting more, as noted in *Ecclesiastes 5:10*. The relentless pursuit of money rarely fills the deeper longings of the heart.

Today, ask God for His wisdom to rightly evaluate what you value. Wisdom from above opens our eyes to eternal treasures and empowers us to reject worldly temptations. Let this wisdom shape your choices, so that you find true richness in God's character and purposes.



Day 2: 📖 Wisdom's Role in True Wealth


Reflect and Apply

1. How does God's wisdom redefine what 'wealth' means to you?

2. What attitudes or actions would you change if you trusted God's wisdom more?

3. In what ways do you see worldly wealth as insufficient for lasting satisfaction?



Day 2:  Wisdom's Role in True Wealth

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a decision when wisdom helped you avoid worldly pitfalls.

2. Describe current challenges where you need God's wisdom to prioritize righteousness.

3. Reflect on what eternal treasures you are pursuing in daily life.



Day 2: 📖 Wisdom's Role in True Wealth

Prayer for Today

Father, grant me the wisdom that comes from heaven—pure, peace-loving, and sincere. Help me to see beyond worldly desires and recognize the riches found in Your truth and love. Teach me to be content and to pursue what truly lasts. May Your wisdom guide every choice I make, drawing me closer to You and away from the empty promises of material wealth. Amen. 📖 ✨ 🙏





Day 3: ✨ Living Out Righteousness in a Material World



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Your Verse

Matthew 6:19-21 NIV - "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Hebrews 13:5 - "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have,"*
- *Luke 12:15 - "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."*



Day 3: ✨ Living Out Righteousness in a Material World

Devotional: Treasuring God Above Earthly Possessions

Jesus' teaching in **Matthew 6:19–21** challenges us to shift our focus from earthly treasures that fade to heavenly treasures that endure forever. Our heart is naturally drawn to where we store our treasure, so what we prioritize reveals the true condition of our priorities and desires.

Hebrews 13:5 reminds us to live free from the love of money and to be content with what God provides. Spiritual contentment guards us against greed and the restless quest for more possessions, as *Luke 12:15* warns.

Living out righteousness in a materialistic culture requires daily intentionality—making choices that honor God, loving others generously, and embracing contentment. As you close this study, reflect on how you can practically store treasures in heaven through acts of love, generosity, and faithful obedience. This is the pursuit of a rich life in God's kingdom.



Reflect and Apply

1. Where is your treasure currently stored—earthly or heavenly?

2. How can you cultivate contentment in a culture that values more?

3. What practical steps can you take to live out righteousness today?



Day 3: ✨ Living Out Righteousness in a Material World

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about the relationship between your heart and your treasures.

2. List ways you can give or serve that reflect storing treasure in heaven.

3. Reflect on any material attachments that challenge your pursuit of righteousness.



Day 3: ✨ Living Out Righteousness in a Material World

Prayer for Today

Lord, help me to store up treasures in heaven and not be consumed by earthly possessions. Teach me to live with contentment and generosity, trusting that You provide all I need. May my heart align with Your kingdom's values, and may my life reflect righteousness in all I do. Strengthen me to resist greed and to live with eternal perspective. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🌍❤️🙌🙏





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