

Daily Devotional for YOU'RE RICHER THAN YOU THINK

Here is a Daily Devotional to enable you to make the most out of this sermon. You may use it for your personal growth or discuss it together in your Life Group.

Day One: Are You Rich?

- What spoke to you the most in the sermon “You’re Richer Than You Think”? How can the truth from this sermon change your life?
- Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19. How would you define “Being Rich”? How much money must someone make to be considered wealthy?
- What’s the difference between being rich and feeling rich? Based on the sermon, do you consider yourself rich? Why or why not?
- Pray the following prayer: “Dear Lord, thank you for richly providing me everything for my enjoyment! I am blessed by your goodness. I praise you for your provision. Help me to honor you with all that I have. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Day Two: I’m Grateful!

- This weekend, Pastor Whitcomb said, “A heart overflowing with gratitude does good things for others. Great things flow from a grateful heart.” What does this statement mean to you?
- Read Psalm 118. Make a list of all the things that you have to be thankful for today. Go over this list in prayer and thank God for each item on your list.
- How many of the items on your list are material things, such as a car or a house? How many of the items on your list are immaterial things, such as love, and family, and friends? What can the content of your list tell you about yourself?
- Make this faith declaration: “I will not trust in riches, but in Him who richly provides.”

Day Three: Praise for God’s Provision.

- Pastor Whitcomb said, “What doesn’t turn to praise in our lives turns to pride. If we don’t live in a spirit of gratitude, we will become bitter, proud, and envious. We will be unable to enjoy the blessings of God.” What does this statement mean to you?
- Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 and then read verses 19 and 20 out loud. Describe a time when the more you had, the more you wanted. When you feed an appetite, what happens to it?
- What practical steps can you take this month to be content?
- Take time today to give God great praise for His great goodness to you!

Day Four: The Comparison Trap.

- Pastor Whitcomb said, “Wealth can become a substitute for God. If you fall into the comparison trap, you will fall away from God and begin to chase after worldly things.” What does this statement mean to you?
- Read Luke 18:18-30. In what ways do you tend to trust in your wealth? In what ways have money and possessions complicated your life?
- Can you think of a time when you thought money would bring you happiness, security, or something else and it failed to do so?

- Pray this prayer by faith: “Father in heaven, please give me the faith to surrender my finances and possessions to your control. Cleanse my heart from anything that competes with you for my devotion. Send your Holy Spirit to fill my life with your presence, peace, and power. Thank you by faith, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.”

Day Five: Learn to be Content.

- This past weekend, Pastor Whitcomb said, “Being rich isn’t about the property you own, or the car you drive, or the money in the bank. To be good at being rich, you have to be content. For it’s not just what you have that makes you rich – it’s the ability to enjoy what you have.” What does this statement mean to you?
- Read Philippians 4:10-20. Note that the Apostle Paul said that he had “learned” to be content in every situation. Contentment didn’t come to him automatically. He had to train his mind and heart to be content.
- How can you develop contentment in your life?
- Pray this prayer from a sincere heart: “Father God, thank you for everything you’ve done for me. Help me to be content with what I have and not lust after more things. I praise you in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Day Six: God’s View of Wealth.

- This past weekend, Pastor Whitcomb said, “The problem for many of us is that what defines being rich is a moving target. What would have made us feel wealthy as a child no longer satisfies our definition of wealth today.” What does this statement mean to you? Do you agree or not?
- When you were a child what did you think would categorize you as “rich”? How has your perspective of wealth changed?
- Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. How does the world measure someone’s worth? God judges one’s wealth based on godliness with contentment. Do you tend to judge your worth more on God’s standard or man’s standard?
- Pray this prayer by faith: “Dear Lord, please give me your perspective on my finances. Help me to possess godliness with contentment. Thank you by faith, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.”

Day Seven: True Riches!

- Read Ephesians 1:1-14. When you consider all that God has done for you, and all that He has in store for you, then you will understand you are truly rich!
- How can knowing you’re truly rich affect your attitudes about worry, tithing, generosity, and thankfulness?
- Contentment comes when we slow down and enjoy the life that God gave us. We miss many simple pleasures in life because we are too busy, too stressed, and too preoccupied with activities. Commit to take time this week to notice God’s beautiful creation, to appreciate your family and friends, and to bask in God’s love for you. Then spend time thanking God for all that He has given to you.