



# WORD

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What we value most should not be the fleeting things of this earth but that of heaven. And just like how people pursue earthly treasures like fame, fortune, or power, so should we pursue treasures in heaven. It all starts with having the right perspective of life. We must not forget that we are recipients of eternal life that Jesus has won on the cross.

## FOCUS ON JESUS

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Jesus told His disciples not to be anxious about their basic needs like food, drink, and clothing. He did not say not to think about **these things**. What He meant was that we should not be overly concerned about seeking these to the point that we are anxious, fearful, and worried. We tend to lose our focus when our minds are fixated on other things. Though God's heart is for us to prosper (Jeremiah 29:11) and He does not condemn material possession, we need to check our attitude and values towards wealth. What do you consider your greatest treasure so far? What happens if we prioritize material things that are temporal?

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## FOLLOW HIS WORD

*"No one can serve two masters. 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 both God and Money." Matthew 6:24*

People worship what they treasure and these are ranked according to priority knowingly or unknowingly. The Bible says that it is impossible to serve God and materialism at the same time. And God expects undivided loyalty and unreserved devotion from His people. What are the indications that we are valuing something or someone more than God? Why is God worthy of all our worship?

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## FULLNESS OF BLESSINGS

*And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8*

It is God's idea to bless us. And when we know and follow God and His will for our lives, blessings are sure to come. As God reveals His purpose for us, all these things will be added unto us. We will be equipped with the resources that God knows we need. Not only material blessings but even spiritual blessings. The bible says that when God blesses us, it is sufficient and abundant – enabling us to accomplish the purpose He intended for our lives and the people around us.

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# APPLICATION

- What usually prompts you when making decisions (money, family or peer pressure, etc.)? How can you better make decisions based on God's will for you?
- How does knowing that God's provision follows His purposes affect you right now? How does the truth that God intends to bless you and make you a blessing encourage you?
- Do you have a relationship with God where you devote yourself to Him and His purpose for your life? If not, would you want to have one today?

# PRAYER

- Thank God for the blessings that you have received. Thank Him for blessing you abundantly to be a blessing to others
- Ask God to reveal to you areas that you are withholding from His Lordship. Pray that as He shows you these areas, He will give you the grace to let go and choose your relationship with Him every day.
- Pray that God will use you as a channel of His blessing to your family and friends this week. Pray that as you do so, more and more people will come to the saving knowledge of Jesus.



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