

appnotes

DAY **READ MATTHEW 6:25-34**

1

When you wake up in the morning, what's the first thing that comes to mind? Is it a list of to-do's? Jesus reminds us that every day is full of challenges. The good news is that God knows what we need. When we make our relationship with Him our ultimate priority, we focus on what truly matters most. Today, thank God that He knows what you need and remind yourself that God will continually meet those needs. As you do, ask God to help you make His Kingdom the first priority in your life!

DAY **READ GENESIS 41:41-56**

2

We live in a culture that tells us to consume everything we earn. "It's your money, so use it how you want," is the message we hear. Yet, Joseph shows us the wisdom in storing up for a not-so-rainy day. When we are not financially prepared, it's easy to become overwhelmed. Wise living is balanced living; don't hoard it all, but don't consume it all either! Learn to manage what God has given to you and you'll find that you have all that you need.

DAY **READ ECCLESIASTES 5:10-20**

3

Solomon knew a thing or two about wealth and wisdom. "Having it all" isn't necessarily all that it's cracked up to be. Wealth, like anything else, has its downsides. Here's what is at risk when you gain wealth: discontentment, increased responsibilities and worries, false friendships, and people who will try to take advantage of you. Add to the list an increased opportunity to become attached to the things of this world. Today, let's take Solomon's advice from verses 18 and 19. Enjoy the work that God has given you and be content with what you have, in want and excess alike.

DAY READ MARK 12:41-44

4

Can true generosity be quantified in dollars? Check out what Jesus says in verse 44: “They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.” True generosity isn’t about the size of the check, but about trusting God with whatever you have. After all, God has blessed each of us in different ways. Today, pray that God would give you the faith to be generous with your finances, your time, and your love, no matter how much or how little you may have to offer.

DAY READ LUKE 16

5

In this parable, Jesus reminds us not to focus on comfort in this life but to consider the life to come. Christ paints a vivid picture of what happens to those who live in luxury while neglecting the needs of those around them. What luxury can you sacrifice today for the sake of someone else’s eternity? Today, ask God to show you how to live beyond yourself for the sake of what really matters - people who will spend forever somewhere.

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