

2026-05-31 5 Day Devotional

5-Day Devotional: Living Rich Toward God

Day 1: The Fear That Leads to Freedom

Reading: Luke 12:4-7

Devotional: Jesus presents a paradox: fear God who has power over eternal destiny, yet know He numbers every hair on your head. This isn't contradictory—it's liberating. The fear of God isn't terror but profound respect that acknowledges His authority while resting in His intimate care. He notices sparrows; how much more does He see you? Today, consider what you've been fearing more than God—financial insecurity, others' opinions, uncertain futures. When we rightly fear God, all other fears lose their grip. He holds both judgment and tender care in the same hands. This holy fear doesn't paralyze; it frees us to live boldly, knowing the One with ultimate authority is intimately invested in our lives.

Reflection: What am I fearing more than God today? How does knowing He cares about the smallest details of my life change my perspective?

Day 2: Confessing Christ When It Costs

Reading: Luke 12:8-12

Devotional: Jesus promises to acknowledge before heaven those who acknowledge Him on earth. This isn't about casual Sunday morning faith—it's about declaring Christ when it's uncomfortable, unpopular, or costly. The Holy Spirit promises to give us words when we're challenged, but we must be willing to open our mouths. Many of us keep our faith "personal," but Scripture knows no such category. Faith that stays silent isn't biblical faith. Consider your workplace, neighborhood, family gatherings—where have you remained quiet about Jesus? The angels are watching, not to condemn, but because heaven celebrates every bold confession. Your witness isn't about having perfect theology; it's about authentic testimony of what Christ has done for you.

Reflection: Where has fear of rejection kept me from openly identifying with Jesus? Who needs to hear my testimony today?

Day 3: The Danger of Greed

Reading: Luke 12:13-21

Devotional: "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed." Jesus doesn't say some kinds—all kinds. Greed isn't just wanting a yacht; it's the constant whisper of "more." It's upgrading when what you have works fine. It's the third helping. It's one more gun, one more purse, one more distraction. The rich fool's mistake wasn't having abundance—it was consuming it all on himself while ignoring God and others. He built bigger barns instead of bigger hearts. His life ended with a haunting question: "Who will get what you prepared?" Are you investing in eternity or just building earthly barns? God provides abundantly not so we can hoard, but so we can share. Contentment is the antidote to greed.

Reflection: What "more" am I constantly pursuing? What has God given me that I could share with someone in need this week?

Day 4: Being Rich Toward God

Reading: Acts 20:35; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Devotional: What does it mean to be "rich toward God"? It's not about tithing and checking a box. It's about seeing people as God sees them—with compassion, not judgment. It's recognizing that everything you have came from Him, including your next breath. Being rich toward God means asking, "What do You want me to do with what You've given me?" not "How much do I have to give?" The government may take taxes, but that doesn't absolve us of personal generosity. God hasn't called us to provide everything for everyone, but He does call us to be sensitive to His prompting. When He says "help that person," obedience matters more than the amount. Generosity isn't a burden—it's participating in God's abundant nature.

Reflection: Am I asking God what He wants me to do with my resources?
Who has God placed on my heart that I've been ignoring?

Day 5: Surrendering to God's Will

Reading: Luke 22:39-42; Philippians 4:11-13

Devotional: "Not my will, but Yours be done." We pray this when facing cancer, job loss, or tragedy. But do we pray it about our money, time, and comfort? True surrender means releasing control in every area. Jesus modeled this in Gethsemane, asking for relief but submitting to the Father's plan. Paul learned contentment in plenty and in want because he trusted God's purposes. When we surrender daily—our schedules, finances, relationships, plans—we discover the freedom of living under God's authority rather than our own limited vision. He sees farther down the road. He knows what's best. Your life, breath, and resources are His. The question isn't "How much must I give up?" but "How can I honor You with everything You've entrusted to me?"

Reflection: What area of my life am I still trying to control instead of surrendering to God? How can I practically demonstrate "Your will be done" today?

Closing Prayer for the Week: Father, open my eyes to see as You see. Help me fear You rightly while resting in Your intimate care. Give me courage to confess Christ openly. Guard my heart against all forms of greed. Teach me to be rich toward You by generously sharing what You've given me. Above all, help me surrender daily, trusting that Your will is always best. In Jesus' name, Amen.