

QFMC 5 Day Devotional

Week of July 12, 2026 by Ryan Massey

Treasuring What Lasts

Day 1: The Fragility of Earthly Security

Reading: Matthew 6:19-21

Devotional: We naturally gravitate toward building security through accumulation—savings accounts, possessions, status. Yet Jesus confronts us with an uncomfortable truth: earthly treasures are inherently vulnerable. Moths destroy, rust corrodes, thieves steal. The very things we clutch for security cannot bear the weight of our hearts.

Consider what you're holding with white-knuckled grip today. That job, that relationship, that bank balance—they're gifts, not gods. Jesus isn't condemning provision; He's exposing our misplaced trust. Where are you sending your heart through your spending, time, and energy? Your affections follow your investments. The Father invites you to build your life on what cannot be shaken—His kingdom, His character, His eternal purposes. What would it look like today to loosen your grip and trust Him more fully?

Day 2: Healing Our Vision

Reading: Proverbs 22:9; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Devotional: Jesus teaches that greed isn't primarily a wallet problem—it's a vision problem. A "good eye" in Scripture means generosity; a "bad eye" means stinginess. How we see determines how we live.

Greed baptizes itself in respectable language: "I'm just being responsible," "I'm protecting my family," "I'm being wise." But what if your wisdom is actually fear that God won't provide? What if your responsibility is disguised control? A generous eye sees giving as worship, people as image-bearers, and possessions as stewardship opportunities.

Ask the Holy Spirit to heal your sight today. Where have you viewed giving as loss rather than worship? Where have you seen people as competitors rather than neighbors? The kingdom economy operates differently—scarcity thinking gives way to abundance faith. When your eye is clear, your whole body fills with light. Practice generosity today, not from obligation, but as vision therapy for your soul.

Day 3: The Master Question

Reading: Matthew 6:24; Joshua 24:14-15

Devotional: "You cannot serve God and wealth." Jesus doesn't say it's difficult—He says it's impossible. This isn't about having two part-time jobs; it's about slavery and mastery. A master claims total allegiance, complete obedience, ultimate trust.

Money makes seductive promises: "Just a little more and you'll be safe." But "a little more" is a carrot perpetually dangling, always out of reach. Wealth trains us subtly to organize our lives around it until we wake up one day feeling consumed by what we thought we controlled.

God doesn't want to be included in your life as one priority among many—He wants to be ultimate. Not because He's needy, but because He alone is trustworthy with the full weight of your heart. Every good thing you have came from Him. What master are you actually serving? Examine your calendar, your bank statement, your anxiety triggers. They reveal your true master. Today, choose anew: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Day 4: Storing Treasure in Heaven

Reading: Luke 12:13-21; 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Devotional: What does it mean to store treasure in heaven? Jesus isn't describing a cosmic retirement account we're funding through good works. He's inviting us to invest in what matters eternally—kingdom purposes, Christ-like character, obedient love.

Heavenly treasure looks like leading with mercy when someone hurts you. It's generosity that holds possessions with open hands. It's prayer, forgiveness, loving your neighbor, caring for the poor. It's using earthly resources for eternal purposes. "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"—this is treasure-storing in action.

The rich fool built bigger barns, but his soul was required that night. What are you building? Lillian Trasher left her engagement and financial security to follow God's call to Egypt. Starting with one starving baby, she cared for thousands over fifty years. She organized her life around kingdom treasure, and God provided everything needed. What is God calling you to invest in that will outlast your life? That's treasure in heaven.

Day 5: Living with Open Hands

Reading: Philippians 4:10-13; Psalm 37:25-26

Devotional: The opposite of greed isn't poverty—it's trust. Jesus calls us from the false security of earthly treasure into the freedom of single-hearted devotion to God. This freedom comes when we learn to live with open hands.

Open hands receive God's gifts with gratitude, hold them loosely as stewardship, and release them generously for kingdom purposes. Open hands don't grasp, hoard, or manipulate. They trust that the Father knows what you need before you ask, and that He delights in providing for His children.

This week, you've been confronted with hard questions: What has your heart? What shapes your vision? Who is your master? These aren't guilt-inducing accusations but invitations to freedom. When money is no longer master, it becomes a servant. When possessions no longer possess you, they become tools for blessing. Paul learned contentment in every circumstance because Christ was his sufficiency. Will you organize your life around what you can keep, or around the kingdom that cannot be lost? Today, practice holding something with open hands before the Father.