

## Get Rich Quick: Week 4

### Review

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**The scriptures speaks so much about wealth because the devil uses it.**

**Romans 1:21** (NIV) For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

**God’s desire is to be first; we need Him to be, and He deserves it.**

**Matthew 6:31–33** (NIV) <sup>31</sup>So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**God’s desire is to make us rich so that...**

**2 Corinthians 9:10–11** (NIV) <sup>10</sup>Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

**What does God want? Malachi reveals...**

- Our love
  - Our trust
  - Obedience
  - Thankfulness
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**1 Thessalonians 5:16–18** (NIV) <sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray continually, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

**Thankfulness—carefully choose God’s form of wealth.**

**1 Timothy 6:6–10** (NIV) <sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup>For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup>Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

**1. Think spiritually and eternally. We brought nothing and will take nothing,**

**Gratitude killers:** Covetousness, comparison

**2. Choose contentment and gratitude.**

- Choose to rejoice
- Contentment is great gain
- Rightly discern the most important things
- Think on the eternal things

**Philippians 4:4-9** (NIV) <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup>Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

### 3. Give thanks to God and to others.

Studies on thankfulness:

## Action Steps

### 1. Choose to acknowledge what God has done more than what your flesh wants.

- List it out
- Keep a journal
- Acknowledge what God has done with your family (at dinner time?)

### 2. Take the place of a worshipper—praise God.

- Praise God through worship
- Giving
- Serving

### 3. Thank the people around you who have blessed you...

- Parents
- Friends
- Bosses
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## LIFE GROUP Discussion questions:

*Suggested passages for reading during the week: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19; Matthew 6:25-34; Psalm 118:19-24; Philippians 4:11b-13*

Passage to discuss: Luke 17:11-19

1. Describe what happened in this story.
2. How did Jesus respond to people, and how did people respond to Jesus?
3. What is your typical way of expressing your gratitude and thankfulness?
4. Talk about your experience of thankfulness impacting contentment and generosity.
5. In what ways do you see thankfulness, contentment, and generosity growing or being challenged in your life? In your family's life?
6. What's God been showing you about the rich life?

*PRACTICE:* Our brains actually change when we articulate gratitude and thankfulness.

- This week, every day, articulate five things you are thankful for. You can write them down, speak them out loud, share with family/friends, etc.
- For the next month, you might declare “Thankful Tuesday” where each Tuesday you practice thankfulness in real, practical ways. Write a thank you note. Tell every person you talk with something you are thankful for. As a family, everyone share two things you are thankful for at a time together.