

APPLICATION

- Do you acknowledge that everything you have is from God and that He desires to bless you abundantly as His child? How can you remember God daily and walk with Him in a greater way?
- How can you guard yourself against the power of possessions and pride? What's one thing you will do differently, starting this week?
- Who can you be a blessing to this week? What will you do for him/her?

PRAYER

- Thank God for His desire to bless you and care for you. Acknowledge that you are nothing without Him and you need more of Him every day.
- Pray that God would be honored and worshiped through your life every day and trust that each promise He has made to you will be fulfilled.
- Ask God to help you fix your eyes on Him, not on anyone or anything else. Pray that He will not just meet your needs, but He will also use you to bless others.



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BIG DEAL

WEEK 2

Power

NOTES

WARM-UP

- If you could change one thing about your life, family, or city, what would it be? Why?
- What is the most expensive thing you've ever bought? What did you do with it?
- Who is the most humble person you know? What makes you say so?

WORD

“You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.” **DEUTERONOMY 8:18**

Before God brought His people into the Promised Land, He promised to bless them. And as He gave them these promises, He also gave them warnings and things to be careful to do. He reminded them that the blessings, wealth, and success were because of Him. In the same way, as God’s children, He will bless us. That is a given. But when we are blessed, we are to be careful to honor Him because the power to get wealth comes from Him and is a confirmation of His covenant to His people. We are to look to God for this power—not at ourselves or anything else. In this lesson, we will look at three of God’s commands and warnings to His people about the power of blessing.

1 Beware of the power of possessions.

¹¹*“Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ¹²lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery . . .”* **DEUTERONOMY 8:11-14**

When we receive of God’s abundant blessings and have greater possessions, we should be careful to never look to these for happiness and security. These things, after all, have the power to pull us away from God and forget Him. Why do you think Jesus said it is only with difficulty that a rich person can enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:23,24)? According to the Bible, what should our attitude and perspective be about possessions?

2 Beware of pride.

“Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’” **DEUTERONOMY 8:17**

God was so faithful to the Israelites by redeeming and leading them (verses 14-16), and they could never have done all this and received any blessings on their own. But God had to warn them against pride and thinking that they produced their own wealth and blessings. Thinking that we are the source and we don’t need God is not only dangerous—it is sinful. Why do you think the Bible tells us to beware against this type of thinking? How can you guard yourself against pride?

3 Remember God.

“You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”

DEUTERONOMY 8:18

All our abilities, talents, gifts, and wealth come from God. He is our Creator, He is our Redeemer, and He is our greatest reward. Therefore, in everything, let us remember and acknowledge Him—give Him what is rightfully His (Malachi 3:10-12; Proverbs 3:9,10). Let us worship Him, the source of our blessing, and not the blessings He gives us. Let us love the Promise-giver and Promise-keeper more than the promise. How have you learned to daily remember, acknowledge, and honor God in your life?