Rich Toward God
5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Day 1: The Illusion of Enough

Reading: Matthew 6:19-21 — Jesus contrasts treasures stored on earth, which are vulnerable to decay and theft, with treasures stored in heaven, which are permanent and secure, reminding us that where we place our treasure reveals where our heart truly lives.

Devotional: At some point, most of us have quietly believed that a little more would finally be enough. A little more money, a little more stability, a little more security — and then we could relax and truly begin living. But the goalposts keep moving. Jesus does not condemn wealth itself. He challenges the posture of the heart that clings to earthly things as though they were eternal. The anxiety we feel when our finances shift, our careers stall, or our plans unravel reveals how deeply we have trusted in things never meant to bear that weight. Today, ask yourself honestly: What am I depending on to make me feel secure? Bring that answer to God in prayer, and ask Him to reorder your trust.

Reflection Question: What earthly thing are you most tempted to treat as a source of lasting security?

Practical Application: Write down one possession, achievement, or financial goal that you have been quietly depending on for peace. Offer it to God in prayer, acknowledging that He alone is your lasting foundation.

Day 2: The Wealth of Belonging

Reading: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 — The Teacher observes that two are better than one, that those who walk together are strengthened, and that a cord of three strands is not easily broken, pointing to the profound value of genuine human community.

Devotional: We were not created to go through life alone. This is not merely a sentimental observation — it is a theological one. God, who exists in the eternal community of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, created human beings in His image and declared that it was not good for us to be alone. Yet our culture prizes independence, self-sufficiency, and personal achievement above almost everything else. We measure success by what we accomplish individually, not by the depth of our relationships. True social wealth, however, is not found in surrounding ourselves with people who admire us. It is found in communities where we

are genuinely known, genuinely loved, and genuinely accountable to one another. That kind of belonging is rare and precious — and worth pursuing with great intentionality.

Reflection Question: Are the relationships in your life characterized by genuine vulnerability and mutual love, or primarily by comfort and convenience?

Practical Application: Reach out this week to one person in your life with whom you have allowed distance to grow. Offer your presence, not advice or solutions — simply your time and attention.

Day 3: The Gift of the Present Moment

Reading: Psalm 90:12 — The psalmist asks God to teach us to number our days rightly, so we may gain a heart of wisdom, recognizing life's brevity and the importance of living intentionally.

Devotional: Time is the one resource that cannot be replenished. Every hour spent distracted, every conversation entered without genuine presence, every moment consumed by worry about a future we cannot control — these are hours, conversations, and moments we cannot reclaim. Yet we live in a world designed to fragment our attention at every turn. Notifications, comparisons, ambitions, and anxieties constantly compete for the limited hours of each day. Jesus modeled something radically different. He was fully present with the people before Him. He noticed the overlooked, stopped for the suffering, and gave His full attention to those the world had dismissed. To be truly wealthy with our time is not to have more of it — it is to be fully alive within it, attentive to God and to the people He has placed in our lives.

Reflection Question: Where does your attention most often drift during moments that deserve your full presence?

Practical Application: Choose one daily interaction — a meal, a conversation, a quiet moment — and commit to entering it without your phone or mental to-do list. Practice being fully present and notice what God reveals in that space.

Day 4: Seeking First What Lasts

Reading: Matthew 6:33 — Jesus instructs His followers to seek God's kingdom and righteousness above all else, assuring them that what they genuinely need will be provided, redirecting the deepest ambitions of the human heart toward what is eternal.

Devotional: Seeking first the kingdom of God is not a religious add-on to an otherwise unchanged life. It is a complete reordering of priorities, values, and vision. It means allowing our relationship with God to redefine what we call success, wealth, and a life well lived. This is a daily practice, not a one-time decision. Every morning, we wake up in a culture that tells us to seek first our own comfort, recognition, and security. The invitation of Jesus is to resist that pull — not by abandoning the world, but by seeing it differently. When God's kingdom comes first, money becomes a resource for generosity rather than a source of identity. Relationships become opportunities to love rather than transactions. Time becomes a sacred gift rather than a commodity. Everything is reordered, and in that reordering, we discover the life we were made for.

Reflection Question: In practical terms, what would it look like for you to seek God's kingdom first in the area of your life where you feel the most pressure or anxiety?

Practical Application: Identify one decision you are currently facing — financial, relational, or professional — and spend fifteen minutes in prayer asking God to shape your thinking about it before you consult any other source of guidance.

Day 5: Rooted, Shaped, and Directed

Reading: Colossians 2:6-7 — Paul encourages believers to continue living in Christ just as they received Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in faith, and overflowing with gratitude, describing the posture of a life genuinely grounded in God's presence.

Devotional: A truly wealthy life is rooted in God's presence, shaped by God's love, and directed toward God's purposes. This is not a destination we reach all at once. It is a life we grow into, day by day, as we practice prayer, worship, generosity, forgiveness, and presence — not as strategies to get what we want, but as expressions of a relationship with the God who made us, loves us, and is actively at work to restore us. Spiritual wealth cannot be measured in dollars. It cannot be earned through productivity or secured by achievement. It is available to anyone willing to receive God's grace and allow that grace to reshape how they see themselves, their neighbors, and the world. You are a beloved child of God. That is your deepest identity. From that identity, a truly rich life can grow.

Reflection Question: How would your daily habits and choices change if you began each day fully convinced that you are already loved, already enough, and already held by God?

Practical Application: Complete the sentence the sermon suggested: "I am truly wealthy when..." Write at least three honest completions. Keep them somewhere visible this week as a daily reminder of what you are genuinely pursuing and why.