

The Prepared Man: Wealth

THE POINT: Men will understand that God may entrust them with wealth to manage for Him.

WARM UP: As a boy or teenager, when were you first given something important to take care of, and how well did you do? _____

WORKOUT: Read the Bible reference in **bold** text, and respond to each question below...

1. How valuable is each of the resources that God gave Adam to manage?

- a) **Genesis 2:8.** Residence or Shelter. _____
- b) **Genesis 2:9.** Vegetation & Food supply. _____
- c) **Genesis 2:10-12.** Water Supply. _____
- d) **Genesis 2:11-12.** Mineral & Natural Resources. _____

2. In **verse 10**, compare the “river” and “four riverheads” to Adam’s income or **streams of income**. Why is it important for a man to have **multiple streams of income**, and how can you make this happen?

3. The patriarch Abraham was not only “the father of faith” (*Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:11,12,16*); Abraham was also ‘a man of wealth’.

- a) **Genesis 12:1-2; 24:35.** Who made Abraham “great” with wealth? _____ What does that tell you? _____
- b) **Genesis 13:1-2,5-6.** What were the assets that Abraham owned? _____

4. What assets do you currently own? _____
Which assets do you want to acquire? **Proverbs 10:22; 1 Timothy 6:17.** _____

5. How do you plan to position yourself to receive resources that God may want to give you? **Luke 16:10-12.** _____

6. Why do you think God blessed Abraham and so many others with material wealth? **Deuteronomy 8:18; Matthew 6:19-21; 1 Timothy 6:17-19.** _____

7. If God were to entrust you with ‘great wealth’ (*Ruth 2:1*), what would you do with it that would advance His Kingdom on earth? _____

THE TAKEAWAY: It is God’s will for a man to be economically prepared before he finds a wife. That means he must learn how to acquire and manage material resources responsibly and with integrity. Also, a godly man needs to use money and material things in ways that advance God’s Kingdom.

PRAY IT LOUD (FROM THE HEART): Heavenly Father, You are the Source of every good thing I have. I am only the manager of your property. Lord, You know how much of Your resources I can handle at this point in my life. Give me the wisdom and discipline to be responsible with the assets You give me. I will prepare and position myself for the resources You want to entrust me with. I will use Your gifts to impact lives for Your Kingdom. In Jesus’ name, Amen!