

FPU Devotion – Building Wealth

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As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10

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

God Gives Wealth

The Bible tells us that many of God's people were wealthy. Abraham, Boaz, David, Job, and Solomon to name just a few. Some handled having a lot of money and possessions well and some didn't. The same is true today—even among Christians.

Wealth is not to be the goal of our lives. St. Paul warns against that in his first letter to Timothy, "But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction." The desire for wealth is dangerous! We need to constantly check ourselves against God's word to be sure we have not fallen in love with money and things.

God's Word teaches us:

It is God who gives us the power to get wealth—we do not build it in our own strength. (See Deuteronomy 8:18 above.)

God has a purpose for the wealth He gives. Paul writes to Timothy, *As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share. (1 Timothy 6:17-18)*

God's stewards understand that God gives wealth. We are grateful for His blessings and content with what He gives.



Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it so easy to forget that wealth comes from God?
2. How can we as God's stewards handle the wealth He gives well?
3. Who are the "rich in this present age" Paul writes about?
4. How are building wealth and contentment connected?

Stewardship Truth:

God gives His children money and wealth as He determines. Our desire is to be content with what God has given us and to steward it wisely and to His glory.