



Walking in God's Wealth

Weekly Summary Thought

We will experience God's riches through the consistency of daily practicing the principles that God is teaching and the constant examination of how our lives can be more complete in Him.

Wealth beyond imagining. Riches beyond

comprehension. Yes—it's all ours in Christ! Scripture teaches that we have an amazing inheritance in Christ, meant, in part, to be experienced while we yet walk this earth.

Many of us might wonder why our earthly existence seems to be more akin to a pauper's life than that of wealthy royalty. We have transferred kingdoms and citizenships—we are now sons and daughters of the King of the Universe. This week, we will focus on the wonders of walking in the wealth and riches that are ours by rights as children of the Most High God!

Assignment:

For the Leader:

Did members practice praying God's Word this week and was it beneficial? Spend some time praying God's Word with and for each other. Suggested passage:
Colossians 1:9–12

Crowd Breaker: Ask each member to share where they would designate their "hometown."

Sample Prayer: Father, we are grateful once again that You are so accessible to us. Thank You for wooing our hearts to You and allowing us to share in the riches of Your glory. Help us to unearth new things this week that would revitalize our walk with You. We pray You'll give us honest and open hearts to explore new areas or revisit past issues that need our attention. Enlighten our hearts and motivate our response to be more conformed to the image of our Savior. In His name we pray, Amen.

Week Nine *Thin Within* Study Guide

- Read Days 25–27 in *Thin Within*.
- Complete your study guide questions before attending your group meeting.
- Pray for yourself and for your group members.
- Hide this week’s verse in your heart.

Bible Verse of the Week

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

•Scripture Focus:
Walking in God’s
Wealth Produces

His Will in Me

My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:2–3

Let’s clarify what “treasures” we have in Christ. Look up the following references and make a note about the riches that God has available for you.

Passage	Truth about Riches/ Treasures/ Wealth
Romans 2:4	
Romans 9:23	
Romans 11:33	
2 Corinthians 4:7	

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Ephesians 3:16	
Philippians 4:19	
Colossians 2:2-3	

Take time to read Ephesians chapters 1 and 2. (If possible, read it each day this week.) Make note of each reference to riches, treasures, and other synonyms. Write down what you learn about God's wealth provided to you in Christ.

Read Psalm 77. Note the flow of thought of the psalmist, how he feels, what he does about it, and what results from his actions.

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How can you apply the strategy that the psalmist uses during times when you feel you are not “walking in the wealth” that is yours in Christ?



➔ **Pay attention!** Purpose to keep the Keys to Conscious Eating in mind and pay extra attention to your approach to eating this week. Ask questions like: Why am I prone to rush? How does slowing down affect my life? My eating? My view of food? How does paying attention to my food change my meal times? What do I need to do to be more conscious of my eating? Observe and correct.

Focus Task

Read and meditate on 1 Corinthians 10:13 this week. Ask God to show you the “ways of escape” He has planned for you in each and every temptation. Practice looking for the way out and ask for His strength to run through His “escape hatch” so that you might resist sin’s trap.

- **Thin Within Book Focus**

Use the material in the Thin Within book to respond to the following questions.

Day Twenty-Five

Take a look to see if any of your eating boundaries (or other types of boundaries) need to be broadened. Are there certain situations where you always eat past 5? Make a list of your biggest obstacles and pray about some creative solutions.

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Day Twenty-Six

What have you learned about satisfaction and gratification from this chapter? Evaluate the depth of each in your life and how you might intensify your level of satisfaction.

Day Twenty-Seven

Have you experienced vulnerability to overeating when you are weary? After reading Day Twenty-Seven, what things are you most impressed to change about your schedule so that you might find God's best for you and avoid physical, mental, and spiritual exhaustion?

- **Week Summary**

Scripture says that our God is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore. Trusting in this as fact, we can look to all of the amazing things that God has done with, in, and for His people in times past, and know that this same God—the Creator of the Universe, this One in whom all wealth, wisdom, honor, glory and power resides—longs to see those riches flow into our lives. No, not worldly wealth, but all His wealth mentioned in Scripture. Let us pray as Habakkuk did in chapter 3:

Dear Lord, we have heard of Your fame. Your Word tells us so many things that You have done in times past and things You long to do in us today. We are in awe of Your deeds, O Lord! Now, Lord, we ask you to renew these mighty things in our day. Do it, Lord Jesus,

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*that You might be glorified. In Your time, make Your glorious deeds known. Show Yourself in our lives. We trust You for it. Thank You for all that is ours in Christ. In Him we pray.
Amen.*