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Living Lent | Day 25

Richness

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share."

1 Timothy 6:17-18 NIV

Encouragement for the Lenten Journey:

Having great wealth comes with great expectation. Wealth is subjective. If you are reading this, there is a great chance that you are probably wealthy, or at least this verse applies to you because if you live in the United States, and you have your own house and your own vehicle, I've got news for you, you are wealthy. God has provided you an abundance, at least compared with the other six billion people on this planet.

God expects each of us to take what he has given us and to do good with it. Rather than boast in our possessions, God wants us to do with our riches, what was intended, to use for God's glory.

God provides for his children, and God asks each of us to take what he gives to us and to utilize that wealth as a tool for his work. Thank God for Morningstar, for a place of refuge and love for children, who while not wealthy in the earthly sense of the term, have comfort and care due to the generosity of others, driven by the love of God.

Challenge to Prayer and the Exercise of the Privilege of Generosity

Thank you to ALL who committed to this Lenten Journey, to make “Brighter Days” a reality for the Children of Morningstar. As you fast, pray and sacrifice, please take this opportunity to pay forward in generosity a gift of at least \$1 a day throughout the 40 days of Lent. Blessings to all as we Journey towards Easter and The Resurrection.

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