

## HOW TO BE WILDLY WEALTHY

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### **Lessons For Wise Investors**

**Pray** now or **pray** later.

Past **obedience** guarantees future **usefulness**.

It always **costs something** now to **get something** later.

Real discipleship affects our: **wealth**, **comfort**, **power** & **fame**.

### **Identity Sets Lifestyle**

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Plan with **God's** kingdom in mind, not **ours**.

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## Food for Thought

For the week of January 2, 2011

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

1. In this week's teaching of Luke, Jesus gave us another great example of the importance of prayer. Many of us wish we would pray more, but find ourselves not getting to it or forgetting about it all together. What further insights do the following verses shed on both prayer and/or the role of persistence in prayer?

Matthew 6:7

Romans 8:26-27

James 5:13-16

Below are a few suggestions on how to make prayer a more regular occurrence. Look over the options and see if there are any of these you want to implement as part of your regular routine. Remember, we typically only do what we plan on doing.

- ⇒ Schedule it – find a place & time
- ⇒ Get away on occasion
- ⇒ Pray topically - family, friends, job, thanks, needs, future, influence, etc.
- ⇒ Pray out loud to help you focus
- ⇒ Listen, as well as talk
- ⇒ Use Scripture as your guide

2. This past weekend we heard that “real discipleship” results in leaving things behind. How does Mark 8:34-37 reinforce this important reality?

Looking back on your life this past year (and beyond) can you think of things you've left behind because of your commitment to follow Christ?

As you look to 2011, is there anything you may need “to leave behind” or “add” to reestablish or reinforce the support and relationships you need to follow Christ and live out your faith? If so, jot down any steps you think you need to take and spend a few moments committing them to God in prayer.