

# Discover. Go Deeper. Disciple.

## Lightning Study

### True Riches


Ephesians 1:3-14

- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,
- 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love
- 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,
- 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
- 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace
- 8 which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight
- 9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him
- 10 with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him
- 11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,
- 12 to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.
- 13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,
- 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

### Instructions

Today people are caught in the trap of materialism. How can we change our focus to see what is truly important?

#### Observe

Read Ephesians 1:3-14 and mark  God including all the synonyms and pronouns that refer to Him (e.g. Father, He, His)

#### Interpret

According to the text, what benefits do we obtain when we know God?

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#### Observe

Read the passage again and draw a circle around the words **blessed**(blessing) and **riches**.

#### Interpret

What did you discover by marking these words? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Observe

Read the text again and mark the phrase in **Christ** including all the synonyms and pronouns that refer to Jesus (e.g. Lord, Him )

## Interpret

What are the riches we have been given in Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Observe

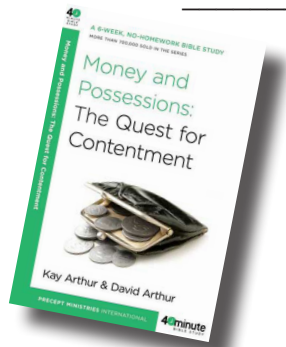
Mark the phrase **according to**.

## Interpret

Why did God give us these riches?  
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## Keep it going...

If this short study got you thinking about how you view material things, you might be interested in the 6-week no-homework Bible study called, Money & Possessions: The Quest for Contentment. You can order it by contacting Precept Ministries at the address below.



## Apply

Let's apply our new-found knowledge of the riches we already have in Christ Jesus to how we live and the goals we set.

List some the ways that materialism negatively affects us and the people we are close to?

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How would knowing these truths from Ephesians combat a materialistic way of thinking?

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List some of the goals you could set that would keep you from having a materialistic mindset and put your focus on living to the praise of His glory: \_\_\_\_\_

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