

Week #1

connected

living an empowered life

The Road Ahead

EPHESIANS 5:17-18 NLT Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. ⁽¹⁸⁾ Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,

CORRECT TREASURES > RIGHT HEART > COMPLETE TRUST > GIVE UP CONTROL > SURRENDER TO GOD'S WILL & WORD > WAIT IN PRAYER > AVOID SIN > PURSUE HOLY SPIRIT > FILLED WITH HOLY SPIRIT

JOHN 7:37-39 ESV On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ⁽³⁸⁾ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ⁽³⁹⁾ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Truth of Idolatry

MATTHEW 19:21-22 NLT Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ⁽²²⁾ But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

1 THESSALONIANS 1:9 NLT ...for they keep talking about the wonderful welcome you gave us and how you turned away from idols to serve the living and true God.

The True Treasure

MATTHEW 6:19-21 NLT "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ⁽²⁰⁾ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ⁽²¹⁾ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."

MATTHEW 13:44-46 NLT "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field. ⁽⁴⁵⁾ "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. ⁽⁴⁶⁾ When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!"

Empowered Discussion:

1. What is the importance of living a continuous Spirit-filled life?
2. Are you your own idol?
3. What do you treasure (value) most in your life?

Power Up:

1. Choose to follow the process of becoming Spirit-filled.
2. Pray that God will adjust what you treasure.