

**March 24, 2020**  
**“More Than Enough Wealth for Your Inner Soul”**  
**Ephesians 3:14-21**

In these incredibly uncertain days, money and provisions are very present every minute of every day in our minds. The fear that this invokes is paralyzing. So, can I possess enough inner peace and inner strength for TODAY?

I. I Will Get in the Right Position to Gain Inner Wealth. (v.14-15)

- Paul immediately “Bows his knees”: Remember, Paul was in prison writing this letter. – Not an easy task for him or the soldier chained to him! Paul prayed fervently.
- Please take a moment to pray for your inner strength before you ask for physical needs.
- To bow our hearts is the real joy here. “To bow” means we are willing to submit to God and let Him provide for us! Is that “really” my desire? I find myself wanting to “do something” more than I want to “wait” on God to do something.
- You as a believer have an Eternal “Father”. God is the “Creator” of all, but the “Father” of only “His” own, those who believe! Your Father will care for you; allow Him to meet your inner needs, as well as your physical needs.

II. I Will Pray the Right Petition to Gain Inner Wealth. (v.16-19)

<Paul makes four “requests” in this prayer.>

- A. Strength- This comes from the Holy Spirit and it brings peace “within” us. Receive strength. Pray, then listen & wait. Don’t go “looking” for strength, just let God fill you through His Holy Spirit. (v.16)
- B. Depth- Paul wanted the Lord Jesus to “dwell” inside every believer and this means “settling down & feeling at home”. Do we let Jesus “feel at home” in our hearts? Is He settled in? Is He “rooted” in me? This current situation is testing the “depth” of every believer; Is Jesus firmly in control of my inner being? (v.17)
- C. Apprehension- (GK)- “To grasp”- One needs to comprehend (understand) and apprehend (lay hold of it for yourself). Is it possible I understand “inner peace” but I am not making it my own? To grasp the love of God in all four dimensions, we must stick out our hand and grab on tight! Is the Love of God dominating me this very minute? (v.18,19)
- D. Fullness- God never desires for us to be empty. He always wants us to live in “fullness”. All the grace we need is already “inside” every believer because he or she embraced Jesus as Savior. Are you enjoying all the grace to which you are entitled? Let the Holy Spirit fill you “full”. (v.19)

III. I Open My Heart to Receive Inner Wealth. (v.20,21)

A. Open yourself to His sufficiency.

1. He is able to do.
2. He is able to do exceedingly.
3. He is able to do exceedingly abundantly.
4. He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we think!

<Take a minute- Practice- Do it again- and again- Let Him be sufficient in you!>

B. Offer praise to His sufficiency!

-Praise Him! Praise Him fully! Praise Him Often! Praise Him Continually!

<This is such an encouraging Passage of Scripture. I pray you receive and engage all the inner wealth He offers you!>