

Week 52

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James: I'm James Robison. Betty and I welcome you to *LIFE Today*.

Betty and I really get up very early in the morning. We don't suggest you get up as early as we do. We do watch our program, by the way, virtually every day and we watch it on Discovery network, as well as sometimes on Daystar or some of the others, but we watch it normally for us it's 6:30 in the morning in the central area, of course 7:30 on the East Coast and then it goes across the country.

But Betty and I find ourselves getting up normally between 4:00 and 5:00, and we spend a tremendous amount of time praying for you. Now that's not just something I'm saying because it sounds like the ministerial, correct thing to say but it's really the truth. My precious wife, when she prays for you, and of course for our family, she goes into the word and God speaks to her. Recently she directed me to Psalm 112 and I'm going to share that with you because it really is the word to every person today who is alarmed about bad news.

And you know when you turn on the television or you listen to all the different forecasts or read the newspaper, Betty, it is pretty bleak and there is a real concern about the economy and about jobs. We should be concerned about it because we've made a lot of poor decisions as a nation, and national leaders, and we've dug a pretty deep ditch. But God is the one who lifts us up out of the ditch and he is the one who can redirect our steps and he wants to do it.

But for you, as we pray for you, God really has given us a clear word. I want to share with you in a few moments some specific things that God put on Betty's heart while we were praying, and I just went to it and my heart leapt. And just let me say this to you, we're offering you a series of teaching, MORE than ENOUGH; it contains True Prosperity, which is really not about riches and wealth by the world's definition but that that is greater than anything money could ever buy, but it doesn't limit the monetary or the material, it just keeps us from allowing our hearts to go after it. Our hearts go after God and then the monetary goes after the will of God, and really, God directs our steps even in how we manage or use our money and bless others.

MORE than ENOUGH is teaching from some of our greatest guests gifted in particular areas to touch a need of concern for you. We're offering this to you, those of you now, we

want you to know that as we close the year and begin a new year we're asking you to help us with all the outreaches of life, which includes *LIFE Today* ministering to you every day and what I'm about to share with you can totally transform your life as well as other guests you're going to hear today and it's in this material where God has more than enough, enough to meet your needs and there will be enough left over Paul said in writing to the Corinthians that you would be able to meet the needs of others. I really believe you not only want your needs met, you want to bless others. God said, "I want to bless you so you become a blessing."

Betty and I continue to teach what the Bible does teach, it is more blessed to give than to receive. There is no greater blessing than blessing others. I want you to listen to the teaching and the truths. By the way, you can get this material, we'll tell you how in just a few minutes. Betty directed my attention to Psalm 112. No doubt I'd read it but she saw it in light of her prayers and concern for people today that we see and that we hear from. Just listen to what the Word of God says: How joyful are those who fear the Lord. You delight in obeying his commands. Your children will be successful everywhere. That's not just in making a living but knowing how to live. They themselves will be wealthy.

This implies far more than money. It implies something that money can't buy. It implies a peace and a joy and a literal self-control, an under-God-control life that is so blessed that you experience what no amount of money could ever provide and no lack of it could ever take away. It is the abiding joy, the true happiness that the Lord wants for you that you long for. God says you will have it. You will be wealthy, and your good deeds will last forever. What you do has eternal significance -- it is going to last forever! It is not just for today, but it affects the future, it affects eternity. Your life has a kingdom impact. It makes a difference now and forever. Light shines in the darkness for the godly when it looks dismal and dark and overcast and gloomy, you've got light to direct your steps and your path, to direct you from and to -- from that which hurts to that which blesses.

Get this: They are generous and compassionate? Who is? -- The ones who are blessed. Who are living according to the will and righteousness of God. They are generous and compassionate and righteous -- his righteousness. Good comes to those who lend money generously. In other words, I'm looking for somebody I can help. Even if I wouldn't collect interest, I want to help them. I'm not thinking about myself. I'm looking at their need, I want to meet it. Such people will not be overcome by evil. They do not fear bad news! That's verse 7, Psalm 112 -- they don't fear bad news. What the news reports deliver, what doomsday soothsayers say, these proclaim -- wait a minute, I'm all right. I'm concerned for people who are in trouble. But I'm not afraid because I trust in the Lord. They confidently trust the Lord to care for them. He is more than able. He is anxious, as

well as able, to bless us. They are confident and fearless; they can face their foes triumphantly.

Now get this: they share freely and give generously to those in need and their good deeds are remembered forever.

Betty, they share generously. They want to meet needs. That is typical of the majority of the viewers of *LIFE Today*.

Do you know something that we've heard over and over? People have said, "James, we've been faithful even when we're challenged. We help. We just meet needs and God has blessed us beyond measure!" So many of the people have written and say, "You know what? We're okay."

But then we have some who say, "You know what? I am struggling." That's why we want you to get MORE than ENOUGH. We want to share with you insights that will help you know, I can trust. He is going to make a way for me no matter how challenging it is because he's got a purpose for my life.

So no matter where you are, he wants to meet your need.

You know, Betty, one of the things that we've shared with our viewers that really blesses them is that if you really want your needs met, you want your prayers answered, seek to be an answer to someone's prayer, seek to meet someone else's need, release life, share life freely, you begin to experience fully and we found that to be true.

Betty: Absolutely, James! And what you just shared is about being complete with God in our lives. God is that completion. You may have the material success but if you don't have God along with that you're going to make a big mess in your life. You're going to come away empty. God wants to be fulfilling in your life. He wants to make you whole with the spirit of God and then he wants to bless us so that we might bless others. That's what we're talking about.

James: I want you to hear from one of our friends who has blessed the Outreaches of *LIFE* all over the world many, many times along with his family of believers. He is a pastor who ministers to many people in the inner city, many people have been challenged and he showed them how they can find the blessings of God in their life and be a blessing. He teaches one of the lessons, it is fabulous. You're talking about people who feel like I'm helpless, he's going to show you how you don't have to live helpless, and it is not an exaggeration and he's a blessing. I want you to listen to one of our guests and he's going

to tell you why God wants to bless his people, how he does it. Listen to our friend, Creflo Dollar as he shared with me and Betty and with viewers like you.

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Creflo: Well, you don't use people to get things, you use things to bless people. Money is for loving. When you understand the purpose of money then you won't abuse it. For example, here's God Almighty taking the children of Israel out of bondage and he puts the wealth of Egypt in their hands. He's got a purpose for that. What's that purpose. So that he can lead them in the wilderness to a mall? There are no malls in the wilderness. Isn't it just like God to put billions in your hands and take you to the wilderness where there is no way to spend it?

[Laughter]

But what was the purpose? You see in Exodus 25, God commanded them, now the same God who put the money in their hands is now the same God that is turning up and saying, "Alright, now let me see if you'll give to me from a willing heart that which I've given to you." So, it moves down to verse eight and he gives the purpose for the wealth that he put in their hands, "Build me a sanctuary! Build me a tabernacle, a place where I can dwell."

Now, how does that translate into what we're doing today? Well, when they support Life Today, when they support this ministry, they enable this ministry to do the things that they're doing but right now it takes cameras so they can get the broadcast in their area, you've got to go get the broadcast and purchase that. But what happens is when this unsaved person comes off the street and they look at this television broadcast the people that have sowed into the ministry, that enabled the cameras to be purchased, that enabled this to be purchased, that enabled that to be done so that that person can receive the love of God and the gospel preached to them, then they get saved and because of that money now Jesus has a tabernacle, a place where he can come and dwell.

The purpose of money is something we've got to get a hold of. The purpose of money is to build tabernacles. When you're building water wells and people see the love of God, then the love of God ministers to them and they realize, "Oh, my goodness! I can receive your Jesus!" The money that it took to build the well to demonstrate the love that ministered to the people that decided they want your Jesus, now he has another tabernacle where he can come in and dwell. And that's what I see. When we release seed into this ministry, the see that we're really releasing is the seed of love because we let it go because of the love of

God. We sow, we give because we love God, we honor God, and we respect God. And when you honor God he will honor you with honor that comes from him only.

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In the studio:

James: Boy, do I pray you get that. Honor him! Let's create those holy habitations, those tabernacles where God's glory can dwell and we're the temple, so it is when we reach people as we minister to you and reach out to you.

By the way, I pray -- I pray you will call today or go online and say, "I want MORE than ENOUGH. I want the teachings." You need to hear everything that he shares. He's got an entire message on a CD here; it is one of the CD's along with Jimmy Evans teaching couples, absolutely fantastic.

Robert Morris, talking about The Blessed Life, about how to be really blessed to be a blessing; not get it about getting but get it about giving so that you can bless others and let God manage your resources. No matter where you are, sometimes in those most challenging moments we take the biggest step of faith.

Now I want you to listen to a pastor who hadn't managed things right but this program sponsored and presented by love by the people who are gracious and compassionate, by people who care about others, I want you to listen how *LIFE Today* impacted him so that it not only impacted his life but his church family's life when he grasped the truth. And he didn't turn away when he saw a need that he should meet and God wanted to enable him to meet but he had to make some corrections. Listen to the Harvey's testimony -- incredible!

Begin video clip:

>> My wife had -- I tend to stay up a little later than her. She was already asleep and we were watching your program.

James: We try to come on at all times of the day.

[laughter]

James: Early risers, mid -- we try to catch all of them!

Randy: You caught me!

James: We were after you!

Randy: Yes you were! And I understood from the book that the Lord wanted to work in my heart, that giving was a heart thing, it wasn't just a mechanical – it wasn't in just 10%, it was a heart connection with him. And because I'm a pastor I've learned – I just have a lot of people appealing to me for missions money and I'm not proud to say it but we have so many I learned how to kind of tune my heart out, because I couldn't help everybody.

I was watching and you finished your talk with your guest and you were helping kids, you were helping them with water at that time but you were reaching out and doing what you do and that's reaching out and touching kids. Immediately when that segment of the show came on my natural response was to again, kind of flip the switch, kind of turn off the – okay, here comes the appeal. I've heard a thousand of them, seen a thousand videos. That's horrible, I know, but I'm just being real with you.

James: That's alright.

Randy: I reached up to kind of flip the switch off, to go okay, the program is concluding. I flipped it and nothing happened. I kept watching these little kids and they weren't just a film, they were people. I reached again because I thought something was wrong and I tried to flip that switch off again and I couldn't. And I thought these are people. All's they need is money. That's it! The only thing between them and living is just money. And I'm here in the Woodlands, Texas. I'm in the United States and we have so much money and all of the sudden, the scripture, where you treasure is your heart is, I realize my heart started leaping to try to help those kids.

You began to say, "If your heart's being touched, here's how you can help us." And you put some amounts out there.

I realized as my heart was leaping and I said, "Hey, we're going to do something."

It dawned on me, I've tied up so much of my resources on all kinds of other things. My heart was leaping but my finances, the ability to touch it, I couldn't follow it up with the amounts that you were bringing up.

That's when the Lord spoke to me. I told the Lord, I said, "Okay, God. I get it. I've tied my monies up in all kinds of selfish things and now you're touching my heart and my heart is leaping." And what god wanted to happen is, when my heart leaps he wants my money to be right on the back of that to be able to help and I hadn't stewarded well.

My wife and I, we made a commitment, we were going to steward our finances, our heart got affected and I can just tell you we've been changed people from that time. Our lives are changed, our marriage has never been sweeter, we've had more fun. We're having more fun now.

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In the studio:

James: Thank you, Lord! Thank you God!

God is so vitally interested in you. And you come to realize that when you begin to express his vital interest in others. When you see a need and you say, "God, I'm going to meet that need." It is like giving out of the firstfruits of all your increase, that's when God blesses, when he's first. So put the needs of others first. We want you to get MORE than ENOUGH. I want you to hear the teaching by Jimmy Evans, by Robert Morris. I want you to hear Dr. Caroline Leaf talk about how men and women think differently; even their minds, our brains are different, but it is necessary that they be different so that we become complete. We need that difference. It relates to finances.

Jimmy Evan is talking to couples; he is one of the greatest teachers. You talk about a double portion, anointing to help couples, in this CD series here he emphasizes how you manage your finances as a couple so that your differences don't become problematic, they become part of the healthy solutions.

Robert Morris teaching on The Blessed Life has transformed lives in churches around the word totally. We want you to hear what he has to say. What Jay Richards and I share as we're simply talking about an understanding of the fertile field of opportunity that is being made the enemy today and it's a foolish, foolish thing. I want you to see something because I read in the scriptures how the generous and those who are blessed when they see a need they want to meet it. Betty, when we close the year, as we end the year, you and I always try to give the largest possible gift we can as a year-end gift. We like to begin the New Year by giving to outreaches. That's something that we have done from the time we got married because we don't live to get, we live to give and God blesses us. And he has blessed everyone who understands he's first.

And we ask you to consider making a gift here as we end the year or begin the New Year, the greatest gift you can to help us with all the outreaches of *LIFE*. But we've got a special emergency right now that our missionaries have brought to our attention and that's these children, Betty, the majority of which are dying under five, many of them are just infants and they need intravenous feeding, they need powdered milk, they need special hands-on

attention and it is quite expensive. But when you break it down by our costs in the advanced world it breaks out to like 50 cents to feed that child that meal but we need a lot of these -- we need thousands of them! I want you to watch and see the need and I'm going to ask you make a great gift to help us with the outreaches of *LIFE*, and also, to meet this need the missionaries have brought to our attention. It is very urgent. Watch!

On the mission field:

Isak: This child is three years old and you can see all of the traditional signs of just a bad case of malnutrition. Their hair changes color. Their hair really thins out. Blank.

>> What you see, this is a real -- and children do not have anything, whatever food that this child is holding right now that you see, whatever they get is whatever they pick up over here or something that is lying down, whatever they find or somebody just throw something from the rickshaws. Blank.

Beth: It's an inconceivable sight! There is nothing that prepares you to see a child in this kind of condition. It is almost unbearable! I think how in the world does this happen?

Announcer: In many countries around the world, severe drought, famine and shrinking food supplies have left the youngest of the young feeling the harshest effects. Mortality rates are on the rise and it is the infants, toddlers, and those under the age of five that are most susceptible to disease and sickness.

James: This is a typical little -- poor little child's doll. This little baby closes its eyes and opens its eyes. This is some little child's toy. You know one of the saddest things of all, Betty, is that many of the little children that play with this before they're five, they die and their little eyes close like this little doll. They close and never open again. We want to give them a future hope.

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In the studio:

James: Boy, that little child's doll got my attention. I noticed the eyes. You've seen so many of the little children's dolls, they lay them down their little eyes close. They sit them up and they open. But these little children, it doesn't matter how the mother holds them, Betty, they get so weak they never open their eyes again.

Betty: James, as I was watching that, along with you, and listening to Beth and the other missionaries there, that their hearts are just broken and I think, it is unbelievable when we see scenes like this. We think how can that be? We don't want to think about it but we must think about it. These children are dying. Without our help and our reaching out in love to them, they have no hope. I hope you will join with us and let's give them some hope.

James: Yeah, you really do literally become their hope and their answer, and perhaps the answer to prayer of their mother or a missionary. Would you -- and you're so special -- we spent the entire program telling you that we care about you and we do. I mean with all my heart. I want God to bless you. So you can live to be a blessing.

We're asking you from the very bottom of our heart, make the greatest gift you can. You're giving the greatest by helping us save these children's lives. In the emergency feeding clinics, we're told we need 400,000 of these emergency meals. I'm asking you to help us with that. It is a considerable amount of money. And as we close the year and as we open a new year, we always trust God because it is essential, as we close a year and begin a year, that we have an outpouring of support, for the outreaches of life, for this television program, that touches hearts every day.

I've said this many times and I think it is important you remember it, 80% of the calls every day, many times 90% are not calls where somebody says, "I want to help that person." They're calling to say, "Would you pray for me?" You better believe it. "Would you care about me?" Yes! That's why we're offering MORE than ENOUGH because God wants to meet your needs and he asks us to bless others. We're asking you as we close the year and begin a New Year, make the greatest gift you can.

We would love to send you "As the Deer Panteth for the Water, so my soul panteth after thee." The longing for God -- beautiful bronze! We would love to send that to those of you who will make a special year-end gift of \$1,000 or more. Some of you, thank God, can give far more than that. I'll be honest with you, I don't know that we've ever needed an outpouring of support anymore than we do now because the needs of others are great and there are some people who say, "You know what? I can't do much now."

But there are others that can say, "You know what? I'll step up in their place. I can do even more than I ever imagined!" We're asking you to do that. And for your gift, whatever gift God puts on your heart, we'll send MORE than ENOUGH. It's the CD teachings, it is the book, True Prosperity, which is so much more than just money, it is about living richly with real wealth. But also, how God will bless the decisions you make

and enable you to be a blessing. Then if you'll make a gift of \$100 or more, I want to send you something that many of my staff have said this teaching by Rabbi Lapin from the Old Testament, and you know God does bless the Jewish people because the reason they come to understand principles and truths. And then other books that will bless you that we'll send that will be a tremendous blessing to you.

Would you right now dial that number? Take your bankcard, make the largest gift you can. Would you do that? Or you can write a check, make it to *LIFE*, or go online LifeToday.org but you make the greatest gift you can. And then you ask for this material that will be a blessing to you. God has more than enough. Thank you for helping us touch and bless others.

Begin Video clip:

Announcer: In recent weeks, we've seen more and more young children under the age of five coming to our *LIFE* Centers, clinics, and feeding stations -- most are severely malnourished, requiring special care to properly feed them. Mortality rates are quickly on the rise and it is a need that certainly cannot be ignored.

With your help we can provide an additional 400,000 emergency nutritional feedings that are specially formulated for children under five, including powdered milk and intravenous feedings. At a cost of 50 cents per meal your life-saving gift of \$25, \$50, or \$100 will help provide 50, 100, or 200 emergency nutritional feedings.

With your gift we'll send you *MORE than ENOUGH*, a new dynamic eight-part audio teaching series that will show you God's plan for your financial peace and provision.

Also included is James Robison's insightful book, "True Prosperity." With your gift of \$100 or more to help provide 200 emergency feedings, you may also request these dynamic books, *Thou Shalt Prosper* by Rabbi Daniel Lapin, *Money, Greed, and God* by author Jay Richards, and *Who Switched Off Your Brain?* by Dr. Caroline Leaf.

Finally, as a special challenge, please prayerfully consider a gift of \$1,000 or more to help provide 2,000 emergency feedings and you may also request the back by popular demand, "As the Deer" bronze sculpture. This is the last day! Please call, write, or make your gift online today at LifeToday.org.

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In the studio:

James: Well, Betty and I just say thank you so much for your help. I do want to remind you that *MORE than ENOUGH* is what God has to offer. He says He offers it... you can read this over in Second Corinthians, chapter eight. He offers it to those who have a spirit and a ministry of giving, of generosity. You're going to not only have your needs met but you'll have enough to meet the needs of others. We want you to get it. This is the last day now that you can get this product and get the teaching series. I think it will be a wonderful way to begin the new year with an understanding of how to best manage the resources God has entrusted to your stewardship and your watchcare. Last day... we look forward to hearing from you. We want to be a blessing to you. Thanks for helping us bless others.