

*True growth will stretch your resources*

April 6

One thing is certain in life - in order to physically, mentally, or relationally with others, we will have to grow spiritually, we will have to be willing to pay the price. Just like the physical body will starve from lack of good nutrition, so it is in every other area of life. We cannot grow or progress in life without first understanding that we must spend something we have to obtain something we desire.

Over the course of our lives, some of the resources we may be required to spend might be our money, our time, or our love in a very unselfish manner. It could even involve giving away our pride and forgiving someone who has hurt us. True growth will make its demands on your means. Be ready to be stretched as God begins to use you more.

*Prayer for Today*

Oh God, help me to be willing to stretch and use my resources in order to grow in life. Give me wisdom, discernment, and especially a strong yearning to reach ever upward to the next level in You.

*Scriptures for Today*

Philippians 3:12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. (NKJV)

2 Samuel 24:24 Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy *it* from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. (NKJV)