Deuteronomy 8:12 For when you have become full and prosperous and have built fine homes to live in,:13 and when your flocks and herds have become very large and your silver and gold have multiplied along with everything else, be careful!:14 Do not become proud at that time and forget the lord your God, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt.:15 Do not forget that he led you through the great and terrifying wilderness with its poisonous snakes and scorpions, where it was so hot and dry. He gave you water from the rock!:16 He fed you with manna in the wilderness, a food unknown to your ancestors. He did this to humble you and test you for your own good.:17 He did all this so you would never say to yourself, 'I have achieved this wealth with my own strength and energy.':18 Remember the lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath.

INTRODUCTION

THINK BACK TO LAST WEEK AND REMEMBER THE SUCCESS OF MARTHA AND MARY. AS SISTERS, THEY HAD DEVELOPED A HOME WHERE THERE WAS POWER, PRESENCE AND PROVISION. I BELIEVE YOU HAVE IN YOU THE ABILITY TO DO THE SAME. TODAY THERE ARE SOME SIMPLE STEPS I WANT TO TEACH YOU TO HELP YOU GIVE GENEROUSLY, CREATE WEALTH AND CHANGE THE FUTURE OF YOUR FAMILY.

WHAT IS THE POWER OF GOD?

Acts of the Apostles 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

DUNAMIS OR DYNAMITE...RAW POWER

Luke 10:19 Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you.

"EXOUSIA" OR AUTHORITY...LEGAL RIGHTS WHAT IS WEALTH?

WEALTH IS AN ACCUMULATION OF VALUABLE ECONOMIC RESOURCES THAT CAN BE MEASURED IN TERMS OF EITHER REAL GOODS OR MONETARY VALUE.

Deuteronomy 8:18 Remember the lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful, in order to fulfill the covenant, he confirmed to your ancestors with an oath.

CHAYIL...PROVERBS 31.10 WHO CAN FIND A VIRTUOUS WOMAN...VIRTUE, STRENGTH, VALOR AND MIGHT.

POVERTY, FOR MANY OF US, IS THE RESULT OF CHARACTER ISSUES.

CHRISTIANS WHO STRUGGLE OFTENTIMES HAVE GREAT JOBS...MAKE LOTS OF MONEY.

- 1. POOR DECISIONS
- 2. SELFISH USE OF MONEY
- 3. INCONSISTENT GIVING

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF VIRTUE AND STRENGTH?

WHAT DOES THE LORD MEAN BY THE STATEMENT, "FULFILL THE COVENANT HE CONFIRMED TO YOUR ANCESTORS"?

- 1. HE PROMISED THEM THE LAND ACROSS JORDAN.
- 2. HE PROMISED TO MAKE THEM HIS TREASURED PEOPLE.
- 3. HE PROMISED TO MULTIPLY THEIR NATION.

HOW DOES YOUR GENEROSITY HELP THE COVENANT TO BE FULFILLED?