

Calvary
Baptist Church

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Generosity

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:

https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship

MONDAY

God teaches us how to be generous

Read: John 3:16; James 1:17

I'll bet you expected that I would start out by telling you how you're not being generous enough and that you need to be more generous. Well, sorry to disappoint but I'm going to direct us to the example that our Father, God gives us in Scripture. Before we can even understand generosity, we must understand the generosity of God, in Christ. He has not only given us breath in our lungs, but he has given us eternal life. He provides for us by giving us food and a roof over our heads. The most important thing God has given us, though, is His Son Jesus Christ. Even Jesus gave up the riches of Heaven and became a poor human so that we could have eternal life in Him. Our generosity does not start with what we can give but with what God has already given us in Christ. We serve a generous God who gave us everything to give us a chance to be with him for all eternity.

Why do you think it is important to understand God's generosity before talking about our own generosity?

What are some ways God has demonstrated His generosity toward you?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:9. What does it mean that Jesus became poor so that we might become rich? How does this passage help us understand the generosity of Christ?

How does remembering what Christ has done for us change our attitude toward giving our time, resources, and money to others?

Pray

Thank God for His generosity in Christ.

Sing

In Christ Alone

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
my Comforter, my All in All;
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh;
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
scorned by the ones He came to save;
'til on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay;
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

TUESDAY

It's about your heart of generosity.

Read: Matthew 6:19-21; Luke 21:1-4

There's an old song called "The Heart of Worship" by Matt Redman. The beginning of the chorus says, "I'm coming back to the heart of worship..." That is my desire for each of us as we talk about generosity, that we would come back to a heart of worship. Afterall, that is what generosity is, it is a heart of worship to the Lord. We see the poor woman in Luke 21:1-4 give significantly more than the rich. No, she didn't put in more money than the rich, but she gave all that she had to the Lord. This is the heart of worship that the Lord calls us to. We are called to give everything we have to the Lord, out of a heart of generosity. Reflect, also, on Matthew 6:19-21. This is where Jesus tells us that a heart of generosity means not relying on your treasures here on this side of glory, but to celebrate the treasure that you have laid up for you in heaven. Generosity starts from a heart of worship. A heart that belongs entirely to the Lord.

Why did Jesus consider the poor widow's gift greater than the gifts of the rich?

What does the widow's example teach us about how God views our giving? Does the amount we give tell the whole story? Why or why not?

What does it mean to store up treasures in heaven rather than treasures on earth?

How can our use of money and possessions reveal what is most important to our hearts?

Why is it sometimes difficult to give generously when we are concerned about our own financial security or future needs?

Pray

Ask God to give you a generous heart of worship.

Sing

Is He Worthy?

IS HE WORTHY?

Do you feel the world is broken? We do
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do

Is all creation groaning? It is
Is a new creation coming? It is
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is

Is anyone worthy?
Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy?
Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this?
He is

Does the Father truly love us? He does
Does the Spirit move among us? He does
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? He does
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does

WEDNESDAY

Generosity requires trusting God

Read: 1 Kings 17:8-16

When we are called to give generously, we are prone to hesitate because we fear that we won't have enough for ourselves. We want to make sure we have enough to meet our own needs first before we consider the needs of other people. But Scripture repeatedly give us example after example of God's people being called to trust Him with what they have and rely upon Him for what they don't have. In our story today from 1 Kings, we see a widow woman who had nearly nothing to share with the famished prophet, Elijah. Even without much to share, she acted in faith with her limited flour and oil and God provided for her. This story isn't evidence that God will make us wealthy if we give generously. It is evidence that when we are faithful with the little we have, God is faithful to meet our needs. Living a life of generosity requires us to trust in God for provision.

Why is it sometimes difficult to give generously when we are uncertain whether we will have enough for our own needs?

What do you think the widow had to believe about God in order to obey Elijah's request? How did her faith influence her actions?

Can you think of a time when you had to trust God to provide for a need or help you through a difficult situation? What did you learn about Him?

What does it look like to be faithful with the little God has given us rather than waiting until we have more to become generous?

How can we balance being wise stewards of our resources with trusting God enough to give sacrificially?

Pray

Thank God for always providing for you.

Sing

Great is Thy Faithfulness

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:
Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.

THURSDAY

It's more than just money.

Read: 1 Peter 4:10-11

A generous heart understands that when we are generous, we can (and should) give more than just money. It's about giving time, energy, attention, and love. Some months ago, I had a plumbing issue that required me to dig up part of my driveway to access pipes. I am NOT a plumber and know very little about plumbing. When I told someone in the church about my issue, he jumped into action and helped. In fact, I had so many people show up to help me dig the hole, that I hardly did any work at all. All I did was purchase the supplies for the project, and all my helpers did the majority of the work. I didn't receive even one red cent from anyone for the project. But what I did get was worth much more than money. I got someone with expertise in plumbing. I got strong backs and willing hearts to help me dig and repair my plumbing. Generosity is more than just giving money. A generous heart gives out of the abundance of what it has: expertise, skill, time, and love.

How do our verses for today challenge us to use our gifts and abilities to serve others?

What are some gifts, skills, or resources God has given you that you could use to bless someone else?

Why might giving our time, energy, or attention sometimes be more difficult than giving money?

Can you think of a time when someone generously gave you their time or skills? How did their generosity affect you?

How does serving others with our abilities and resources reflect the generosity and love of Jesus Christ?

Pray

Pray that God would reveal to you an opportunity to serve others.

Sing

Everlasting

EVERLASTING

From everlasting to everlasting You are God
From everlasting to everlasting You are God

In holiness You stand secure
Through culture's shifting sands
Unchanged by all the vanities of man
And as the nations rise and fall
Your sovereignty remains
You are, You are, You are the one true God

From everlasting to everlasting You are God
From everlasting to everlasting You are God

In faithfulness Your love extends
Through times of turbulence
Adopting those who call upon Your name
And every generation joins
In songs of grateful praise
You are, You are, You are the one true God

From everlasting to everlasting You are God
From everlasting to everlasting You are God

Eternal, immortal, invisible God
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FRIDAY

Live like no one else.

Read: Ephesians 2:8-10

Dave Ramsey has a saying that goes, “Live like no one else so that you can live like no one else.” What he means is that we should pay off all our debt and save well so that we have enough money to give generously and we don’t have to be stingy. Paul says that we were created to do good works. Let me be clear: nowhere in Scripture does it say that we are to earn our salvation by good works. We were not saved by good works; we were saved for good works. Our generosity is simply an outpouring of the faith within us. We should live like no one else so that we can be generous like no one else. Generosity is not something that should be an occasional activity. Our generosity should be a defining characteristic of our Christian life. God entrusts us with resources, opportunities, relationships, and spiritual gifts that we can use to serve others generously. The goal of living like no one else is not simply to give more, but to become a people who live for the good of others and the glory of God.

What is the difference between being saved by good works and being saved for good works? Why is that distinction important?

Why should generosity be an outpouring of our faith rather than something we do simply out of guilt or obligation?

What are some resources God has entrusted to you besides money that you can use to serve others?

How can we make generosity a regular part of our lives instead of waiting for a special occasion or an obvious need?

How can we ensure that our generosity brings glory to God rather than drawing attention to ourselves?

Pray

Thank God for the spiritual gift(s) He’s given you.

Sing

Doxology

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.


Oh come,
let us
worship
and bow down;
let us
kneel
before the
Lord,
our Maker!
Psalm 95:6

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“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

Mark 5:19

