November 23-28, 2026

Daily Devotional: Cheerful Givers

Each day this week, begin by reading through the passage alone, with your spouse, or with other family members. After reading, each day will give you one verse or phrase to focus on for the day as well as a prayer focus and exercise.

> *The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written,*
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> *"He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;*
> *his righteousness endures forever."*
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> *He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.*
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> *—2 Corinthians 9:6-11*

Day 1: Gratitude

"He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

After reading the passage, take some time to reflect on and list out the blessings that God has given you. Here's some prompts and ideas to get you started:

- What is something that you have now that you once prayed for or wished you had?
- What is something that you have that you often forget about?
- Walk through every room in your house and write down 5-10 things you can see that you are grateful for. BONUS: Do this as a family activity!
- Set a timer for 5 minutes and write as many things you're thankful for as possible. BONUS: Send your list to Pastor Eddie-longest list gets a prize

Day 2: Freedom in giving

“not reluctantly or under compulsion”

Prayer time: Reflect in prayer on the following questions, asking God to give you wisdom and clarity.

If you think about it honestly-how do you give? Do you give because you’ve decided to, or because you feel you are expected to? Last week we talked about giving out of a healthy responsibility instead of giving out of an unhealthy compulsion.

Take a moment and imagine you stopped giving altogether- who is it that first comes to mind that would be upset with you? Is it God? Or is it a parent, pastor, or other earthly figure? If it’s a person, there’s a good chance you’ve been pushed into giving out of compulsion.

Ask God for healing in this area of your life. Take time to consciously reject the obligation you feel to others, and create space to give freely and joyfully.

Day 3: In Your Heart (past)

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart”

Today we’ll look at two questions related to our past giving. If an answer is no, take some time to honestly reflect on why. Is it because of a lack of knowledge, or a lack of obedience?

If it’s because of a lack of knowledge, take some time to reflect on the new truth you’ve learned.

If it’s a lack of obedience, take as much time as you need to honestly repent and seek reconciliation with God. If you aren’t ready for this today, that’s fine. Keep coming back to this day in the devotional until you are-then move on.

- Have you made an intentional choice in your life to give?
- Have you been giving what God has called you to give?

Day 4: In Your Heart (Present)

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart”

Regardless of what yesterday’s devotional held for you, it is important for all believers to routinely return to the question: “what is God calling me to give in this season of my life?” Today we ask that question. Note: If you are married to a believing spouse, this is a question that should be asked and answered prayerfully together.

Is God calling you to follow the Old Testament practice of true 10% tithing?

Is God calling you to give over and above?

Are there ways beyond your regular giving to the church that he is calling you to expand your giving in?

Are you in a season of financial difficulty where you feel released to give less than you are currently giving?

Day 5: In Your Heart (Action)

> *"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart"*

Notice today-the command isn't just to decide in your heart, but to *give what you have already decided.* It's one thing to make a decision about what you are going to give to God, it's another entirely to follow through.

In your time of prayer today, do one of the following. Either take the opportunity right now to give what you have been called, or make a plan for how and when you are going to give. In the Old Testament God commanded the Israelites to give the *first* tenth. This is not only to remind them that it is the most important, it is good practical advice. Give to God first because he has called you to, not because it's left over. Because the reality is this-no matter how big the paycheck is, there's never anything left over.

Day 6: In Your Heart (Future)

> *He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.*

The third piece of our decision to give is the future. Your prayer prompt for today is this: what is God calling you to give in the future? Paul tells us here that God wants to bless us so that we can continue to be an even greater blessing to others. Sometimes, for a variety of reasons, we walk through periods of financial difficulty. God always uses those times to refine and shape us. Part of that shaping involves learning what God calls us to do with our financial resources in the future.

This is important for two reasons. First, so that when financial blessings come, we remember who it is that they come from. Second, because when they come we want to remember to be faithful with them.

So what may God be calling you to give in the future? Maybe now you are only able to give 5%-but God is calling you to give 20% *later*. You think "I couldn't possibly survive giving 20% right now". Perhaps not-but he didn't ask you to. If he calls you to give it, he will provide the means. Trust him with it.