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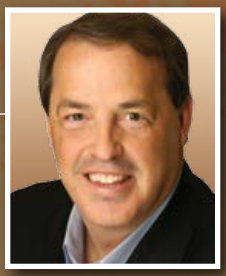


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DAY 1

God is the Owner of everything

(including all that you currently have or ever will have)

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Psalm 50:10-12 (God says) "Every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills…and the creatures of the field are mine…the world is mine, and all that is in it."

Haggai 2:8 " The silver is mine and the gold is mine," declares the LORD Almighty."

1 Chronicles 29:11-12 "Everything in heaven and earth is yours (O Lord)…Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things."

Leviticus 25:23 (God says) "The land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants."

1 Chronicles 29:14-16 (David's prayer after people gave generously to a building project) "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you."

Psalm 24:1 "The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

If we belong to Christ, it's logical
that everything we have truly belongs to Him.
When we give to God, we are just taking
our hands off what already belongs to Him.

Day 2

God is the provider of every good thing in your life

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights."

Ephesians 1:3 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

Matthew 7:11 "If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

2 Chronicles 1:11-12 "Since you [Solomon] have not asked for a long life but for wisdom and knowledge to govern my people over whom I have made you king, therefore wisdom and knowledge will be given you. And I [the LORD] will also give you wealth, riches and honor."

Proverbs 8:18-21 (God says) "Unending riches, honor, justice, and righteousness are mine to distribute. My gifts are better than the purest gold or sterling silver! Those who love and follow me are indeed wealthy. I fill their treasuries." TLB

Isaiah 26:12 "All that we have accomplished you [Oh LORD] have done for us."

As thunder follows lightning, giving follows grace. When God's grace touches you, you can't help but respond with generous giving. Randy Alcorn

Give to God what's right–not what's left.

Day 3

Your role is to be the trustee, manager and steward of 100% of what God entrusts to you during your lifetime.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Colossians 3:17, 23-24 "Whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus….Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and the Master you are serving is Christ." NLT

Romans 14:7-8 "None of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord."

Matthew 25:19-21, 24-26 "After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of gold said, `Sir, you gave me five bags of gold to invest, and I have doubled the amount.' The master was full of praise. `Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'… "Then the servant with the one bag of gold came and said, `Sir, I know you are a hard man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate. I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth and here it is.' "But the master replied, `You wicked and lazy servant!" NLT

1 Corinthians 4:2 "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." KJV

Martin Luther said, "People go through 3 conversions:
The conversion of their head,
their heart and their pocketbook.
Unfortunately, not all at the same time."

Have you gone through all 3 conversions yet?

Day 4

The LORD watches your giving.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Mark 12:41-44 "Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything– all she had to live on."

Luke 21:1 "Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury."

2 Corinthians 8:12 "For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have."

Exodus 35:22,27,29 "All who were willing, men and women alike, came and brought gold jewelry of all kinds: brooches, earrings, rings and ornaments. They all presented their gold as a wave offering to the LORD…The leaders brought onyx stones and other gems… All the Israelite men and women who were willing brought to the LORD freewill offerings for all the work the LORD through Moses had commanded them to do."

2 Chronicles 24:10 "All the officials and all the people brought their contributions gladly, dropping them into the chest until it was full."

Your bank and credit card statements are theological documents. They tell who and what you worship.

With the price of everything else going up these days, aren't you glad the Lord hasn't increased the tithe to 15%?

DAY 5

Don't become prideful about anything God has entrusted to you.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 "You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth."

Psalm 62:10 "If your riches increase, don't be proud." TLB

Deuteronomy 8:11-14 "Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God… Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God."

Jeremiah 9:23-24 "The Lord says, "Let not the…rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me."

Psalm 39:5-6 "Proud man! Frail as breath! A shadow! And all his busy rushing ends in nothing. He heaps up riches for someone else to spend." TLB

Mark 8:36 "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?"

Proverbs 16:19 "Better to be poor and humble than proud and rich." TLB

Obadiah 1:3-7 "The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who… make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself, 'Who can bring me down to the ground? Though you soar like the eagle and make your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down,' declares the LORD… 'Oh, what a disaster awaits you…Your friends will deceive and overpower you.'"

When a man becomes rich, either God gains a partner or the man loses his soul.

DAY 6

Even the poor are to give to God from what they have.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Deuteronomy 16:16 "No man should appear before the LORD empty-handed."

1 Kings 17:10-15 (Elijah asked a widow) "Would you please bring me a cup of water?" As she was going to get it, he called to her, "Bring me a bite of bread, too." But she said, "I swear by the LORD your God that I don't have a single piece of bread in the house. And I have only a handful of flour left in the jar and a little cooking oil in the bottom of the jug. I was just gathering a few sticks to cook this last meal, and then my son and I will die." But Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid! Go ahead and cook that `last meal,' but bake me a little loaf of bread first. Afterward there will still be enough food for you and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: There will always be plenty of flour and oil left in your containers until the time when the LORD sends rain and the crops grow again!" So she did as Elijah said, and she and Elijah and her son continued to eat from her supply of flour and oil for many days. For no matter how much they used, there was always enough left in the containers, just as the LORD had promised through Elijah." NLT

Genesis 28:20-22 (While a single young man with no job or income) "Jacob made a vow, saying, 'If God will be with me and will watch over me… then the LORD will be my God…and of all that you (O God) give me I will give you a tenth.'"

2 Corinthians 8:2-4 "Though (the Macedonian Christians) have been going through much trouble and hard times, they have mixed their wonderful joy with their deep poverty, and the result has been an overflow of giving to others. They gave not only what they could afford but far more; and I can testify that they did it because they wanted to…They begged us to take the money so they could share in the joy of helping the Christians in Jerusalem." TLB

If a pauper gives to God, he'll feel like a prince.
If a prince doesn't give to God,
he'll feel like a pauper.

Day 7

Set up a plan to faithfully give 10% OR MORE of your financial resources to the Lord's work.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Luke 11:42 (Jesus said) "Though you are careful to tithe even the smallest part of your income, you completely forget about justice and the love of God. You should tithe, yes, but you should not leave these other things undone." TLB

Deuteronomy 14:22-23 "Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce…The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives." TLB

Exodus 22:29 "You must be prompt in giving Me the tithe…" TLB

Genesis 14:20 "Abram gave…a tenth of everything."

Malachi 3:8-11 "Will a man rob God? Surely not! And yet you have robbed me. 'What do you mean? When did we ever rob you?' 'You have robbed me of the tithes and offerings due to me. And so the awesome curse of God is cursing you…Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so that there will be food enough in my Temple; if you do, I will open up the windows of heaven for you and pour out a blessing so great you won't have room enough to take it in! Try it! Let me prove it to you! Your crops will be large, for I will guard them from insects and plagues. Your grapes won't shrivel away before they ripen,' says the Lord Almighty." TLB

2 Chronicles 31:5,12 "The people responded immediately and generously with the first of their crops and grain, new wine, olive oil, honey, and everything else…a tithe of all they owned. They faithfully brought in the contributions, tithes and dedicated gifts." TLB

Giving 10% isn't the ceiling of giving;
it's the floor. It's not the finish line of giving;
it's just the starting blocks.

Day 8

Don't trust in your riches, but trust in God.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Proverbs 11:28 Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.

1 Timothy 6:17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God.

John 14:1 Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God.

Job 31:24-28 (Job said) "If I have put my trust in gold or said to pure gold, 'You are my security,' if I have rejoiced over my great wealth, the fortune my hands had gained…so that my heart was secretly enticed…then these also would be sins to be judged, for I would have been unfaithful to God on high."

Psalm 49:6-12 (Sinners) trust in their wealth and boast of great riches. Yet they cannot redeem themselves from death by paying a ransom to God. Redemption does not come so easily, for no one can ever pay enough to live forever and never see the grave. Those who are wise must finally die, just like the foolish and senseless, leaving all their wealth behind. The grave is their eternal home, where they will stay forever. They may name their estates after themselves, but they leave their wealth to others. They will not last long despite their riches—they will die like the animals. NLT

Are you rich?
Did you realize that if you personally make more than $1500 per year you are richer than 75% of the world's 6+ billion people!

To find out how your income compares to everyone else in the world go to: www.globalrichlist.com

Day 9

Understand riches can deceive you.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Revelation 3:17 "You say, 'I am rich, with everything I want; I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that spiritually you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. TLB

Mark 8:36 What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?

Mark 4:18-19 Others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

Luke 12:15 (Jesus said) "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

Proverbs 23:4-5 Don't weary yourself trying to get rich. Why waste your time? Riches can disappear as though they had the wings of a bird! TLB

Ecclesiastes 5:11 The more you have, the more you spend, right up to the limits of your income. So what is the advantage of wealth– except perhaps to watch it as it runs through your fingers! TLB

1 Timothy 6:10 The love of money is the first step toward all kinds of sin. Some people have even turned away from God because of their love for it, and as a result have pierced themselves with many sorrows. TLB

Galatians 6:8 If (a person) sows to please his own wrong desires, he will be planting seeds of evil and he will surely reap a harvest of spiritual decay and death. TLB

The poorest man in the world
is the man who has nothing but money.

Day 10

Train your children to be faithful and generous givers.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. KJV

Genesis 18:19 I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Psalm 78:4-7 We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. He decreed statutes…which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

Ephesians 6:4 Bring them (children) up with the loving discipline the Lord himself approves, with suggestions and godly advice. NLT

John D. Rockefeller said, "I never would have been able to tithe the first million dollars I ever made if I had not tithed on my first salary, which was $1.50 a week."

Giving a child money to put into an offering plate does not produce a generous adult. If you want to produce a generous adult, you must train a child to tithe from any money he or she receives from family, friends or work projects. This child will grow up to honor God.

Day 11

Focus on being content with God's daily provisions.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

1 Timothy 6:6-8 Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income.

Proverbs 30:8-9 Give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs! For if I grow rich, I may become content without God. And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name. TLB

Matthew 6:9-11 This is how you should pray: "'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread…"

Philippians 4:11-12 I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, & I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

You are only poor when you want more than you have.

The trouble with most people is their earning capacity doesn't match their yearning capacity.

The most expensive vehicle to operate, per mile, is the shopping cart.

Day 12

You cannot serve God "and" Money, but you must learn to serve God "with" money.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Luke 16:11-13 (Jesus said) "So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?… No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

Proverbs 10:16 The good man's earnings advance the cause of righteousness. The evil man squanders his on sin. TLB

Matthew 6:19-21 (Jesus said) "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Proverbs 16:16 How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver!

Proverbs 17:16 Of what use is money in the hand of a fool, since he has no desire to get wisdom?

1 Corinthians 4:2 It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. KJV

The world asks: "What does a person own?" God asks, "How is the person using what they have been given?"

A Christian is one who does not have to consult his bank book to see how wealthy he really is.

Day 13

There are dangerous consequences if you live for pleasure.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Proverbs 21:17 He who loves pleasure will become poor.

Galatians 6:7 If a man sows to please his own wrong desires, he will be planting seeds of evil and he will surely reap a harvest of spiritual decay and death. TLB

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11 I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure…Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless.

Ecclesiastes 7:4 A fool thinks only of having a good time now. TLB

2 Timothy 3:1-5 There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, …lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God–having a form of godliness but denying its power.

1 Timothy 5:6 The widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives.

Proverbs 23:20-21 Don't carouse with drunkards and gluttons, for they are on their way to poverty. And remember that too much sleep clothes a man with rags. NLT

Luke 15:13 The younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

Your use of money shows what you think of God.

Many people have "getting" goals, but very few people have "giving" goals. What are your "giving" goals?

Day 14

Don't live for this life, but for your heavenly home.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Luke 16:9 (Jesus said) "I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings."

Hebrews 11:13-16 These men of faith…agreed that this earth was not their real home but that they were just strangers visiting down here…they were looking forward to their real home in heaven. If they had wanted to, they could have gone back to the good things of this world. But they didn't want to. They were living for heaven. And now God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has made a heavenly city for them. TLB

Hebrews 13:14,16 For this world is not our home; we are looking forward to our everlasting home in heaven…Don't forget to do good and to share what you have. TLB

Hebrews 11:10 (Abraham) was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Our real worth is what will be ours in eternity.

Day 15

The desire for "more" can be a destructive force to your life and faith.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

1 Timothy 6:9-10 People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Hebrews 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Ecclesiastes 5:10,12 Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income…The abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep.

Proverbs 20:17 Some men enjoy cheating, but the cake they buy with such ill-gotten gain will turn to gravel in their mouths. TLB

Proverbs 20:21 Quick wealth is not a blessing in the end. TLB

Habakkuk 2:9 How terrible it will be for you who get rich by unjust means! NLT

Proverbs 11:24 It is possible to give freely and become more wealthy, but those who are stingy will lose everything. NLT

It's not the high cost of living, it's the cost of living too high that gets most people in trouble.

When your outgo exceeds your income, your upkeep will lead to your downfall.

Day 16

In building projects, a large public gift and a group of leadership gifts can glorify God and result in great generosity and rejoicing.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

1 Chronicles 29:1-9 Then King David turned to the entire assembly…The work ahead of (Solomon) is enormous, for the Temple he will build is not just another building–it is for the LORD God himself! Using every resource at my command, I have gathered as much as I could for building the Temple of my God. Now there is enough gold, silver, bronze, iron, and wood, as well as great quantities of onyx, other precious stones, costly jewels, and all kinds of fine stone and marble. And now because of my devotion to the Temple of my God, I am giving all of my own private treasures of gold and silver to help in the construction. This is in addition to the building materials I have already collected for his holy Temple. I am donating…gold…and silver… Now then, who will follow my example? Who is willing to give offerings to the LORD today?" Then the (leaders)…all gave willingly…they gave…gold…gold coins…silver…bronze…iron…and precious stones… The people rejoiced over the offerings, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD, and King David was filled with joy. NLT

Where God guides, He provides.
What God orders, He pays for.
God's work, done in God's way,
never lacks God's supply.

In successful God-honoring building projects,
it takes a few extravagantly generous gifts,
combined with dedicated leadership gifts
to make the project one of great rejoicing.

Day 17

Be aware of the cautions about growing indebtedness.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Proverbs 22:7 Just as the rich rule the poor, so the borrower is servant to the lender. NLT

Romans 13:7-8 Give to everyone what you owe them…Pay all your debts, except the debt of love for others. You can never finish paying that! NLT

Psalms 37:21 The wicked borrow and never repay, but the godly are generous givers. NLT

Deuteronomy 28:12-15, 43-44 The LORD will…bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God…you will always be at the top, never at the bottom… However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands…the alien who lives among you will rise above you higher and higher, but you will sink lower and lower. He will lend to you, but you will not lend to him. He will be the head, but you will be the tail.

Proverbs 21:5 Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty. NLT

Proverbs 22:27 If you lack the means to pay, your very bed will be snatched from under you.

*"When I put Christ and His Word as the **Master in charge** of my finances, He took far better care of me than my **Master Charge** ever did."*

Brian Kluth

Most people can be 100% debt-free within 3-10 years if they decide they want to be. For help, go online:
DaveRamsey.com, Crown.org, GoodSenseMinistry.com

Day 18

Give in proportion to how God has blessed you materially.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Ezra 2:69 According to their ability they gave to the treasury for this work.

Deuteronomy 16:10 Bring God a free-will offering proportionate in size to his blessing upon you as judged by the amount of your harvest. TLB

Mark 12:44 They all gave out of their wealth.

Act 11:29 The disciples, each according to his ability, decided to provide help.

2 Corinthians 8:12 For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

2 Corinthians 8:3 They gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.

1 Corinthians 16:2 On every Lord's Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn. TLB

Matthew 2:11 (The wise men) bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

You should give according to your income,
lest God makes your income
according to your giving.

Day 19

Women play a significant part in giving to God's work.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Luke 8:3 Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them (Jesus and his disciples) out of their own means.

Mark 14:3 A woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume (worth a year's wages), made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on (Jesus') head.

Exodus 35:21,22,25,26 Everyone who was willing and whose heart moved him came and brought an offering to the LORD for the work… All who were willing, men and women alike, came and brought gold jewelry of all kinds: brooches, earrings, rings and ornaments. They all presented their gold as a wave offering to the LORD… Every skilled woman spun with her hands and brought what she had spun– blue, purple or scarlet yarn or fine linen. And all the women who were willing and had the skill spun the goat hair.

Acts 9:36 In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, who was always doing good and helping the poor.

Nehemiah 2:6-8 Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me (Nehemiah), "How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?" It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time…and because the gracious hand of my God was upon me, the king granted my requests.

1 Timothy 5:9-10 No widow may be put on the list of widows unless she is over sixty, has been faithful to her husband, and is well known for her good deeds, such as bringing up children, showing hospitality, washing the feet of the saints, helping those in trouble and devoting herself to all kinds of good deeds.

God looks at the heart, not the hand—
the giver, not the gift.

DAY 20

Beware of greed, hoarding or selfishness in your life.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Luke 12:15-21 (Jesus said) "Beware! Don't be greedy for what you don't have. Real life is not measured by how much we own." And he gave an illustration: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. In fact, his barns were full to overflowing. So he said, `I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store everything. And I'll sit back and say to myself, My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!' "But God said to him, `You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get it all?' "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God." NLT

James 5:1-3 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days.

Psalm 119:36-37 Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things.

Psalm 37:16 Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked.

2 Corinthians 9:6 Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

There are no pockets in a shroud
and no U-hauls behind a hearse.

God is going to have to take some people
to heaven feet first, because they keep trying
to hold onto everything they have here on earth.

Day 21

Give careful thought to your financial practices and never neglect God's house and servants.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Haggai 1:4-10 "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?" Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the LORD. "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the LORD Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house. Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the oil and whatever the ground produces, on men and cattle, and on the labor of your hands."

Nehemiah 10:39 (The leaders and the people repented and said) "We will not neglect the house of our God."

Exodus 22:29 (God says) "You must be prompt in giving Me the tithe." TLB

Deuteronomy 12:19 Be careful not to neglect the Levites (ministers) as long as you live in your land.

Materialism is to generosity,
what kryptonite was to Superman.

If everyone in your church followed your pattern of giving,
would your church receive a token, a tip or a tithe?

Day 22

God has a high regard for a Christian in humble financial circumstances.

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Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

James 1:9-11 The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position. But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position, because he will pass away like a wild flower. For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich man will fade away even while he goes about his business.

James 2:5-6 Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have insulted the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you?

2 Corinthians 8:2-4 Though (the Macedonian Christians) have been going through much trouble and hard times, they have mixed their wonderful joy with their deep poverty, and the result has been an overflow of giving to others. They gave not only what they could afford but far more; and I can testify that they did it because they wanted to…They begged us to take the money so they could share in the joy of helping the Christians in Jerusalem.

I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something.
And because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.

Edward Hale 1822

Day 23

God has good works for you to do during your lifetime.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Esther 4:14 (Mordecai said to Esther) "If you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

2 Corinthians 9:8, 11 God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work…You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. .

1 Timothy 6:18-19 Tell the rich to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven– it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well. TLB

Hebrews 10:24 In response to all he has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good. TLB

Many people go to their graves, with God's unplayed music still inside of them.

Don't waste your God-given life with low living, small planning, mundane talking, constant grumbling or cheap giving. Be all that God has called you and equipped you to be.

Day 24

Some people are called to extravagant giving.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Mark 10:21-25 Jesus looked at him (the young rich man) and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

1 Kings 19:19-21 So Elijah went from there and found Elisha. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his attendant.

Mark 14:3 A woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume (worth a year's wages), made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on (Jesus') head.

Acts 4:34-37 From time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

What is the most precious and financially valuable item(s) in your life? Would you ever consider giving this item so you could worship the Lord through extravagant generosity?

Day 25

God can do great things through one person or a group that is devoted to Him.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

2 Chronicles 16:9 The eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect toward him, so that he can show his great power in helping them. TLB

1 Samuel 14:6-13 "Let's go across to see those pagans," Jonathan said to his armor bearer. " The LORD will help us, for nothing can hinder the LORD. He can win a battle whether he has many warriors or only a few!" …So they climbed up using both hands and feet, and the Philistines fell back as Jonathan and his armor bearer killed them right and left. NLT

Judges 7:7 The LORD said to Gideon, "With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the (120,000) Midianites into your hands."

2 Chronicles 14:9-12 Zerah marched out against (God's people) with a vast army…Then Asa called to the LORD his God and said, "LORD, there is no one like you to help the powerless against the mighty. Help us, O LORD our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this vast army. O LORD, you are our God; do not let man prevail against you."…(and) The LORD struck down the Cushites.

Zech 4:6 "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the LORD Almighty.

1 Samuel 17:45-47 David shouted (to Goliath), "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD Almighty, whom you have defied. Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head…And everyone will know that the LORD does not need weapons to rescue his people. It is his battle, not ours. The LORD will give you to us!" NLT

Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.

Day 26

God blesses you financially so that you can be a blessing to others.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Proverbs 10:16 The good man's earnings advance the cause of righteousness. The evil man squanders his on sin. TLB

Psalm 67:7 God will bless us. And peoples from remotest lands will worship him. TLB

Proverbs 11:24-25 It is possible to give away and become richer! It is also possible to hold on too tightly and lose everything. Yes, the liberal man shall be rich! By watering others, he waters himself. TLB

Deuteronomy 15:7-8, 10-11 If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother….Rather be openhanded and freely lend him whatever he needs. Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

Hebrews 6:10-11 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

2 Corinthians 9:8 God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Do your givin'
while you are livin'
then you're knowin'
where it's goin'.

Day 27

It is appropriate to ask people how you can help them.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Nehemiah 2:2-8 The king asked me, "Why are you so sad? You aren't sick, are you? You look like a man with deep troubles." Then I was badly frightened, but I replied, "Long live the king! Why shouldn't I be sad? For the city where my ancestors are buried is in ruins, and the gates have been burned down." The king asked, "Well, how can I help you?" With a prayer to the God of heaven, I replied, "If it please Your Majesty and if you are pleased with me, your servant, send me to Judah to rebuild the city where my ancestors are buried…And the king granted these requests, because the gracious hand of God was on me. NLT

Matthew 20:30-34 Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!…Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" He asked. "Lord," they answered, "we want our sight." Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

Mark 10:51-52 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as you can.

John Wesley

DAY 28

God will reward you for your faithful generosity and diligent labors.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Galatians 6:9-10 Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up. That's why whenever we can we should always be kind to everyone, and especially to our Christian brothers. TLB

Hebrews 6:10-12 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

Philippians 4:17 Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account.

Giving is a giant lever positioned on the fulcrum of this world, allowing us to move mountains in the next world. Because we give, eternity will be different—for others and for us.
Randy Alcorn

I have watched over 100,000 families over my years of investment counseling. I always saw greater prosperity and happiness among those families who tithed than among those who didn't.
Sir John Templeton

Day 29

The giver and the front-line worker are equal partners in God's work.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

1 Samuel 30:24 The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike.

3 John 1:5-8 You are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you. They have told the church about your love. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God…We ought therefore to show hospitality to such men so that we may work together for the truth.

1 Corinthians 3:7-9 Neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers.

Philippians 4:17 Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account.

Matthew 10:41 (Jesus said) "Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward."

I judge all things only by the price
they shall gain in eternity.
John Wesley

Only one life, 'twill soon be past;
only what's done for Christ will last.
Missionary C. T. Studd

Day 30

Your giving will be a great help and encouragement to others.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

2 Corinthians 9:12-13 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

Acts 4:34-37 There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. Joseph…whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

Proverbs 19:4-6 Wealth brings many friends…Everyone is the friend of a man who gives gifts.

Matthew 5:14-16 You are the light of the world…let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

There is no advantage in being the richest person in the cemetery.

A wealthy Christian man who lost everything in a financial downturn was asked if he ever regretted all the giving he had done to the Lord's work. He replied, "What I gave, I still have. What I kept, I lost."

DAY 31

Your pursuit of God and a generous life will give you a fuller and richer life.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

1 Timothy 6:18-19 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Philemon 1:6-7 You are generous because of your faith. And I am praying that you will really put your generosity to work, for in so doing you will come to an understanding of all the good things we can do for Christ. I myself have gained much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because your kindness has so often refreshed the hearts of God's people. NLT

John 10:10 (Jesus said) "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

3 John 2-3 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. NKJV

Matthew 6:33 (God) will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.

First things belong to God.
The first day of the week belongs to God.
The first hour of the day belongs to God.
The first portion of your income belongs to God.
When you make God first, He can help you.

James MacDonald

Day 32

Realize that God will bring specific people into your life that you can truly help.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

James 2:15-16 Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?

Proverbs 14:31 Whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

Luke 14:13-14 When you give a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

Deuteronomy. 15:7-11 If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother. Rather be openhanded and freely lend him whatever he needs…Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land.

You've heard of prayer warriors.
What about giving warriors?
God has entrusted us with so much.
Perhaps He is raising up a great army of givers,
and He's calling us to enlist.

Randy Alcorn

Day 33

Any wealth gained by the wrong means has serious consequences.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Job 20:17-24 (The wicked man) shall not enjoy the goods he stole…His labors shall not be rewarded; wealth will give him no joy. For he has oppressed the poor and foreclosed their homes; he will never recover. Though he was always greedy, now he has nothing; of all the things he dreamed of – none remain. Because he stole at every opportunity, his prosperity shall not continue. He shall run into trouble at the peak of his powers; all the wicked shall destroy him…God will rain down wrath upon him. He will be chased and struck down. TLB

Proverbs 11:1-5 The Lord hates cheating and delights in honesty. Proud men end in shame…the evil man is destroyed by his dishonesty. Riches won't help you on Judgment Day…the wicked shall fall beneath their load of sins. TLB

Job 27:19-20 (The wicked) goes to bed rich but wakes up to find that all his wealth is gone. Terror overwhelms him, and he is blown away in the storms of the night. TLB

Proverbs 13:11 Dishonest money dwindles away.

Jeremiah 17:11 Like a bird that fills her nest with young she has not hatched and which will soon desert her and fly away, so is the man who gets his wealth by unjust means. Sooner or later he will lose his riches and at the end of his life become a poor old fool. TLB

Hosea 12:8 Ephraim boasts, "I am so rich! I have gotten it all by myself!" But riches can't make up for sin. TLB

How much better to be honestly poor than questionably rich.

Day 34

Realize God can use anyone and any resources to provide for His work.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Proverbs 13:22 A sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

Ecclesiastes 2:26 To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God.

Isaiah 45:3 (God says) "I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD…who summons you by name."

Job 27:13, 16, 17 Here is the fate God allots to the wicked, the heritage a ruthless man receives from the Almighty: …Though he heaps up silver like dust and clothes like piles of clay, what he lays up the righteous will wear, and the innocent will divide his silver.

Proverbs 28:8 Income from exploiting the poor will end up in the hands of someone who pities them. TLB

Isaiah 23:18 Her profit and her earnings will be set apart for the LORD; they will not be stored up or hoarded. Her profits will go to those who live before the LORD.

The world has yet to see what God can do with a man fully consecrated to Him.

Dwight L. Moody

Day 35

Your giving in this life will have an impact on your experiences in eternity.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Philippians 4:17 Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account.

Luke 14:13-14 When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

Matthew 6:19-21 (Jesus said) "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Luke 12:33-34 (Jesus said) " provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Luke 16:9 Use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

If you ask people what they can "afford to give" to the Lord's work or a special project, they will usually come up with a small amount that they feel they can handle. But if you ask people to determine what God is prompting their heart to give, there is no telling what God will lead them and provide for them to do.

God will often speak a financial amount into a person's heart that is far bigger than their mind can at first grasp. It often takes the mind time to catch up to the amount that God has spoken into a person's heart to give.

DAY 36

When you help the poor and needy, don't do it for public recognition.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Matthew 6:2-4 (Jesus said) "When you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

Matthew 23:5-6 (Jesus said) "Everything they do is done for show …they love to sit at the head table at banquets and in the reserved pews in the synagogue!" TLB

Luke 16:15 (Jesus said) "You wear a noble, pious expression in public, but God knows your evil hearts. Your pretense brings you honor from the people, but it is an abomination in the sight of God." TLB

John 5:44 You gladly honor each other, but you don't care about the honor that comes from the only God! TLB

John 12:43 They loved praise from men more than praise from God.

He who bestows his goods upon the poor
shall have as much again, and ten times more.
John Bunyan

Prosperity inebriates men, so that they
take delights in their own merits.
John Calvin

DAY 37

Even your smallest acts of kindness will be remembered and rewarded.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Matthew 10:42 Jesus said…"If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

Proverbs 19:17 When you help the poor you are lending to the Lord– and he pays wonderful interest on your loan! TLB

Matthew 25:37-40 The righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Mark 12:41-44 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything– all she had to live on."

I shovel money out, and God shovels it back… but God has a bigger shovel!

Industrialist R.G. LeTourneau

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.

Martyred Missionary Jim Elliot

Day 38

A main focus for your giving should be your local church & ministry staff.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

1 Corinthians 9:11-14 If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you?…Don't you know that those who work in the temple get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar? In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.

1 Timothy 5:17,18 Pastors who do their work well should be paid well and should be highly appreciated, especially those who work hard at both preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." TLB

1 Corinthians 9:10 Christian workers should be paid by those they help. Those who do the plowing and threshing should expect some share of the harvest. TLB

Galatians 6:6 Those who are taught the Word of God should help their teachers by paying them. TLB

2 Chronicles 31:9-13 Hezekiah asked the priests about the heaps; the chief priest, answered, "Since the people began to bring their contributions to the temple of the LORD, we have had enough to eat and plenty to spare, because the LORD has blessed his people, and this great amount is left over." They faithfully brought in the contributions, tithes and dedicated gifts.

Deuteronomy 12:19 Be careful not to neglect the Levites (ministers) as long as you live in your land.

No church ever has a money problem,
only a faithfulness problem.
Brian Kluth

DAY 39

Building projects are worthy of your support.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

Exodus 35:29 All the men and women who were willing brought to the LORD freewill offerings for all the work the LORD through Moses had commanded them to do (for the Tabernacle).

1 Chronicles 29:14-16 (David's prayer after people gave generously to a building project) "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you."

II Kings 12:7-12 King Joash summoned Jehoiada the priest and the other priests and asked them, "Why aren't you repairing the damage done to the temple?…Jehoiada the priest took a chest and bored a hole in its lid. He placed it beside the altar, on the right side as one enters the temple of the LORD. The priests who guarded the entrance put into the chest all the money that was brought to the temple. Whenever they saw that there was a large amount of money in the chest, the royal secretary and priest came, counted the money that had been brought into the temple of the LORD and put it into bags. When the amount had been determined, they gave the money to the men appointed to supervise the work on the temple. With it they paid those who worked on the temple of the LORD– the carpenters and builders, the masons and stonecutters. They purchased timber and dressed stone for the repair of the temple of the LORD, and met all the other expenses of restoring the temple.

The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord.
James Kraft, Founder of Kraft Foods

Day 40

God will show you other giving opportunities worthy of your support.

Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:

James 1:27 The Christian who is pure and without fault, from God the Father's point of view, is the one who takes care of orphans and widows, and who remains true to the Lord. TLB

Job 29:12-13 I rescued the poor who cried for help, and the fatherless who had none to assist him. The man who was dying blessed me; I made the widow's heart sing.

Matthew 10:42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.

Hebrews 13:2-3 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Philippians 4:14 (Paul said to the Christians in Phillipi) You have done right in helping me in my present difficulty. TLB

Acts 28:10 They honored us in many ways and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed.

Luke 14:13-14 When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.
John Bunyan 1688