

Our Generosity to God

5 Day Devotional

Day 1: Generosity as Giving

Reading: Exodus 25:1-7

Devotional:

In this passage, we see God instructing Moses to command the Israelites to bring offerings for the construction of the Tabernacle. God's desire for offerings wasn't about enhancing His own resources, He owns all things, but about fostering a generous spirit among His people. The invitation to give was inclusive, allowing everyone from the richest to the poorest to participate. This underlines a fundamental principle: God's call to generosity is more about the state of our hearts than the monetary value given. It reflects God's nature and His desire for us to embody generosity by giving willingly and from the heart.

Application:

Reflect on what you willingly give to God. Consider your time, talents, and resources. Are you giving from the heart? This week, look for opportunities to give in a way that is meaningful, no matter how small. Perhaps volunteer your time to help someone, or use your talents in service at your local community or church.

Day 2: Cheerful Giving

Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Devotional:

Paul encourages the Corinthians by pointing out that the manner of giving is just as important as the act of giving itself. Cheerful giving implies giving with joy, without reluctance or compulsion. This disposition reflects a deep-seated trust in God as the ultimate provider. When we give hilariously, not sparingly, we mirror the abundant generosity of God who has given us more than we can ever repay.

Application:

Examine your attitude towards giving. Are you cheerful or do you give out of a sense of duty? Find something you've been reluctant to give—be it time, money, or effort—and give it joyfully.

Day 3: The Widow's Mite

Reading: Mark 12:41-44

Devotional:

The widow's offering, though monetarily insignificant, was highlighted by Jesus as a supreme example of sacrificial giving. Her act of giving everything she had demonstrated trust and worship. It echoes the principle that the true value of a gift lies not in its amount but in the heart and sacrifice behind it. This widow's faith blessed Jesus more than the substantial offerings given out of surplus by the wealthy.

Application:

Reflect on your own giving. What does sacrificial living look like for you? This week, consider a form of giving that may stretch you. It could be financially aiding someone in need, volunteering for a cause that requires time you think you don't have, or offering skills to someone who can't repay you.

Day 4: Giving as Love and Obedience

Reading: John 14:21, 23

Devotional:

Jesus associates obedience with love. When we give generously and willingly, we live out our love for Him through our actions. Obedience to God's call to give is not merely about following a command, it is an expression of our relationship with Him. Such acts of love are born from understanding God's supreme act of generosity through Jesus Christ.

Application:

Consider how you express love through obedience. **Identify** a command or teaching of Jesus that you've struggled to follow. Make this week about acting in love through obedience—commit to daily acts of kindness, reconcile with someone, or choose to forgive an old grievance.

Day 5: The Gift of Eternity

Reading: Romans 12:1

Devotional:

Our lives are to be lived as offerings to God, a continuous act of worship. This offering is not confined to money or tangible goods but encompasses our entire being; our bodies, spirit, and mind. It's a response to the ultimate gift of eternal life that God has given us through Jesus Christ. Living sacrificially reflects our understanding of the depth and cost of the gift we've received.

Application:

Think about how you can offer your life more fully to God. What changes could you make to align more closely with this principle of being a living sacrifice? **Set goals for spiritual growth** such as **regular prayer**, **Scripture study**, or **serving others** that will guide you into deeper intimacy with God. Choose one area to focus on and commit to making changes this week.