

**Monday
11/14/11**

Secret Giving

It is tempting to share our giving habits with others. Especially when we give generously. Jesus addressed the correct way of giving. The reward comes, not through the gift, rather through the heart attitude behind the act of giving.

READ: Matthew 6:1-4

Jesus refers to giving as an "act of righteousness". How is giving an act of righteousness? How does God expect us to give? Why do you think God desires that our giving be done in secret? What are the two places rewards originate? How is God calling you to give?

RESPONSE:

Pray Daily Prayer

**Wednesday
11/16/11**

Ownership

It is difficult for people to give when they believe all they have belongs to them. We need to realize that all we have belongs to the Lord.

READ: Psalm 24:1; Job 41:11; Exodus 19:5

What does God claim in all three of these verses? What parts of the world do not belong to the Lord? How do you believe God is calling you to live according to what you learned from these verses?

RESPONSE:

Pray Daily Prayer

**Tuesday
11/15/11**

Outgiving God

Many people do not give because they are afraid they will not have enough after giving. They look at the numbers on the paper. But, God lives beyond the paper. Faith is being certain of what we do not see. God always sees everything!

READ: Mark 10:28-30

Why did the disciples leave everything (verse 28)? What does it mean to follow Jesus? What are the two reasons for giving in verse 29? How much does the Lord promise to give to those who leave it all to follow him? When does Jesus promise to give?

RESPONSE:

Pray Daily Prayer

**Thursday
11/17/11**

Poverty

We receive grace as we give out of our poverty. The Corinthians were wealthy where the Macedonians were not.

READ: 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

What were the conditions out of which the Macedonians gave? What adjectives did Paul use to describe the Macedonian condition and their giving? How much did the Macedonians give (verse 2)? What did the Macedonians consider their giving to be (verse 4)? What does Paul encourage the Corinthians to do in their giving (verse 8)?

RESPONSE:

Pray Daily Prayer

**Friday
11/18/11**

Your Master

You must remember that though you live in this world, you are a citizen of another kingdom—the kingdom of heaven. You need to learn how to live as a citizen of the kingdom of heaven.

READ: Matthew 6:19-21, 24

What can happen to the treasure we store up in our lifetime? How have you experienced loss of wealth in this life? Where does the Lord suggest we store up treasure and why? What does Jesus mean when he says your heart will be where your treasure is stored? What evidence shows that you serve the Lord?

RESPONSE:

Pray Daily Prayer

**Saturday and Sunday
11/19/11-11/20/11**

Talents

God entrusts us with his possessions. It matters to him how we use them or do not use them.

READ: Matthew 25:14-30

What does the master say to the person who was entrusted with five talents and to the one entrusted with two talents? What does the master do for those with whom he was pleased? What happened to the servant who was entrusted with one talent? What was expected of each of the servants? How has God entrusted you with his talents? How are you doing with what God has entrusted you with?

RESPONSE:

Pray Daily Prayer

Personal GPS

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Giving plays a major role in the life of every Christian. When we surrender our lives to God and trust Jesus as the Lord of our lives, everything we are and everything we have belongs to him. We are the stewards, not the owners. We must learn how to care for God's possessions as he entrusts us with their management. At the same time, we model God's giving qualities.

MY PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK:

DAILY PRAYER:

Lord, teach me how to care for all you have entrusted to me. I will listen and follow your direction. In Jesus' name, Amen.