

2020
GENERATION OF
LIGHT YOUTH
DEVOTIONAL
WEEK 8

DAY 50: PROSPERITY IS FOR EVERYONE

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

GALATIANS 3:29, CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION (CEV):

SO IF YOU BELONG TO CHRIST, YOU ARE NOW PART OF ABRAHAM'S FAMILY, AND YOU WILL BE GIVEN WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED.

PROVERBS 10:22, AMPLIFIED BIBLE (AMP):

THE BLESSING OF THE LORD BRINGS [TRUE] RICHES, AND HE ADDS NO SORROW TO IT [FOR IT COMES AS A BLESSING FROM GOD].

NOW ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS TO PROSPER? _____

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS THAT GOD CAN HELP US PROSPER? _____

CLOSE YOUR EYES AND IMAGINE IT'S THE YEAR 2040. ENVISION YOURSELF LIVING A PROSPEROUS LIFE - DESCRIBE WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE: _____

DAY 51: OBEDIENCE OPENS THE DOOR TO BLESSING

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

DEUTERONOMY 28:1-14 CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION (CEV):

1-2 TODAY I AM GIVING YOU THE LAWS AND TEACHINGS OF THE LORD YOUR GOD. ALWAYS OBEY THEM, AND THE LORD WILL MAKE ISRAEL THE MOST FAMOUS AND IMPORTANT NATION ON EARTH, AND HE WILL BLESS YOU IN MANY WAYS. 3 THE LORD WILL MAKE YOUR BUSINESSES AND YOUR FARMS SUCCESSFUL. 4 YOU WILL HAVE MANY CHILDREN. YOU WILL HARVEST LARGE CROPS, AND YOUR HERDS OF CATTLE AND FLOCKS OF SHEEP AND GOATS WILL PRODUCE MANY YOUNG. 5 YOU WILL HAVE PLENTY OF BREAD TO EAT. 6 THE LORD WILL MAKE YOU SUCCESSFUL IN YOUR DAILY WORK. 7 THE LORD WILL HELP YOU DEFEAT YOUR ENEMIES AND MAKE THEM SCATTER IN ALL DIRECTIONS. 8 THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GIVING YOU THE LAND, AND HE WILL MAKE SURE YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL IN EVERYTHING YOU DO. YOUR HARVESTS WILL BE SO LARGE THAT YOUR STOREHOUSES WILL BE FULL. 9 IF YOU FOLLOW AND OBEY THE LORD, HE WILL MAKE YOU HIS OWN SPECIAL PEOPLE, JUST AS HE PROMISED. 10 THEN EVERYONE ON EARTH WILL KNOW THAT YOU BELONG TO THE LORD, AND THEY WILL BE AFRAID OF YOU. 11 THE LORD WILL GIVE YOU A LOT OF CHILDREN AND MAKE SURE THAT YOUR ANIMALS GIVE BIRTH TO MANY YOUNG. THE LORD PROMISED YOUR ANCESTORS THAT THIS LAND WOULD BE YOURS, AND HE WILL MAKE IT PRODUCE LARGE CROPS FOR YOU. 12 THE LORD WILL OPEN THE STOREHOUSES OF THE SKIES WHERE HE KEEPS THE RAIN, AND HE WILL SEND RAIN ON YOUR LAND AT JUST THE RIGHT TIMES. HE WILL MAKE YOU SUCCESSFUL IN EVERYTHING YOU DO. YOU WILL HAVE PLENTY OF MONEY TO LEND TO OTHER NATIONS, BUT YOU WON'T NEED TO BORROW ANY YOURSELF. 13 OBEY THE LAWS AND TEACHINGS THAT

I'M GIVING YOU TODAY, AND THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL MAKE ISRAEL A LEADER AMONG THE NATIONS, AND NOT A FOLLOWER. ISRAEL WILL BE WEALTHY AND POWERFUL, NOT POOR AND WEAK. 14 BUT YOU MUST NOT REJECT ANY OF HIS LAWS AND TEACHINGS OR WORSHIP OTHER GODS.

JOSHUA 1:8, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT):

STUDY THIS BOOK OF INSTRUCTION CONTINUALLY. MEDITATE ON IT DAY AND NIGHT SO YOU WILL BE SURE TO OBEY EVERYTHING WRITTEN IN IT. ONLY THEN WILL YOU PROSPER AND SUCCEED IN ALL YOU DO.

NOW ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

CAN YOU THINK OF THREE SPECIFIC THINGS THE BIBLE HAS SAID YOU SHOULD OBEY? _____

DO YOU FIND IT EASY OR DIFFICULT TO OBEY THE LORD? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

IN WHAT WAYS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUCCEED IN YOUR LIFE? WHAT ARE SOME GOALS THAT YOU WANT TO REACH IN YOUR LIFE? _____

DAY 52: GIVING IS AT THE HEART OF PROSPERITY

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

2 CORINTHIANS 9:11, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV):

HE WILL MAKE YOU RICH IN EVERY WAY SO THAT YOU CAN ALWAYS GIVE FREELY. AND YOUR GIVING THROUGH US WILL CAUSE MANY TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:24, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV):

DO NOT LOOK OUT ONLY FOR YOURSELVES. LOOK OUT FOR THE GOOD OF OTHERS ALSO.

NOW ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 10, HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOURSELF AS A GIVER? (IF YOU PICK "1" YOU DON'T THINK YOU ARE A GIVER AT ALL. IF YOU PICK "10" YOU THINK YOU ARE AN AWESOME GIVER.) WHY DID YOU RATE YOURSELF THAT WAY? _____

IF YOU ARE HONEST WITH YOURSELF, DO YOU THINK MORE ABOUT YOURSELF OR MORE ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE? WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT ABOUT YOURSELF? _____

CAN YOU THINK OF SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO THINKS OF OTHER PEOPLE MORE THAN THEY THINK ABOUT THEMSELVES? WHO IS THAT PERSON? HOW CAN YOU TELL THEY THINK MORE ABOUT OTHERS? _____

DAY 53: PROSPERITY IS A CHOICE

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

DEUTERONOMY 30:19-20, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV):
19 TODAY I ASK HEAVEN AND EARTH TO BE WITNESSES. I AM OFFERING YOU LIFE OR DEATH, BLESSINGS OR CURSES. NOW, CHOOSE LIFE! THEN YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN MAY LIVE. 20 TO CHOOSE LIFE IS TO LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD, OBEY HIM, AND STAY CLOSE TO HIM. HE IS YOUR LIFE, AND HE WILL LET YOU LIVE MANY YEARS IN THE LAND, THE LAND HE PROMISED TO GIVE YOUR ANCESTORS ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB.

NOW ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

IF SOMEONE IS POOR, DO YOU THINK THAT THEY HAVE CHOSEN TO BE POOR? WHY OR WHY NOT?

IF SOMEONE IS PROSPEROUS, DO YOU THINK THEY HAVE CHOSEN TO BE PROSPEROUS? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS THAT YOU CAN BE PROSPEROUS BESIDES HAVING A LOT OF MONEY?

DAY 54: SOWING AND REAPING PRINCIPLES

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6, LIVING BIBLE (TLB):

BUT REMEMBER THIS—IF YOU GIVE LITTLE, YOU WILL GET LITTLE. A FARMER WHO PLANTS JUST A FEW SEEDS WILL GET ONLY A SMALL CROP, BUT IF HE PLANTS MUCH, HE WILL REAP MUCH.

GALATIANS 6:6-10, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV):

6 ANYONE WHO IS LEARNING THE TEACHING OF GOD SHOULD SHARE ALL THE GOOD THINGS HE HAS WITH HIS TEACHER. LIFE IS LIKE PLANTING A FIELD 7 DO NOT BE FOOLED: YOU CANNOT CHEAT GOD. PEOPLE HARVEST ONLY WHAT THEY PLANT. 8 IF THEY PLANT TO SATISFY THEIR SINFUL SELVES, THEIR SINFUL SELVES WILL BRING THEM RUIN. BUT IF THEY PLANT TO PLEASE THE SPIRIT, THEY WILL RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE FROM THE SPIRIT. 9 WE MUST NOT BECOME TIRED OF DOING GOOD. WE WILL RECEIVE OUR HARVEST OF ETERNAL LIFE AT THE RIGHT TIME IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP. 10 WHEN WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP ANYONE, WE SHOULD DO IT. BUT WE SHOULD GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THOSE WHO ARE IN THE FAMILY OF BELIEVERS.

NOW ANSWER THIS QUESTION ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

HAVE YOU EVER FELT LIKE IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO GIVE? WHY DO YOU THINK IT WAS HARD FOR YOU? _____

CAN YOU THINK OF A TIME WHEN IT WAS FUN FOR YOU TO GIVE? PLEASE SHARE ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE. IF YOU HAVE NEVER FELT LIKE GIVING WAS FUN, CAN YOU THINK OF ONE WAY IT WOULD BE FUN TO GIVE? _____

HAVE YOU EVER "REAPED" A BLESSING FROM GIVING OR HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SOMEONE ELSE "REAP" A BLESSING FROM GIVING? PLEASE SHARE ABOUT IT. _____

DAY 55: YOU SOW, GOD INCREASES, YOU REAP

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

PROVERBS 10:4-5, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV):

4 A LAZY PERSON WILL END UP POOR, BUT A HARD WORKER WILL BECOME RICH. 5 THOSE WHO GATHER CROPS ON TIME ARE WISE, BUT THOSE WHO SLEEP THROUGH THE HARVEST ARE A DISGRACE.

MARK 4:26-29, THE MESSAGE (MSG):

26-29 THEN JESUS SAID, "GOD'S KINGDOM IS LIKE SEED THROWN ON A FIELD BY A MAN WHO THEN GOES TO BED AND FORGETS ABOUT IT. THE SEED SPROUTS AND GROWS—HE HAS NO IDEA HOW IT HAPPENS. THE EARTH DOES IT ALL WITHOUT HIS HELP: FIRST A GREEN STEM OF GRASS, THEN A BUD, THEN THE RIPENED GRAIN. WHEN THE GRAIN IS FULLY FORMED, HE REAPS—HARVEST TIME!"

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-2, LIVING BIBLE (TLB):

THERE IS A RIGHT TIME FOR EVERYTHING: 2 A TIME TO BE BORN: A TIME TO DIE: A TIME TO PLANT: A TIME TO HARVEST:

ECCLESIASTES 11:4 LIVING BIBLE (TLB):

IF YOU WAIT FOR PERFECT CONDITIONS, YOU WILL NEVER GET ANYTHING DONE.

NOW ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

DO YOU THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE A HARD WORKER? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

DO YOU THINK SOMEONE CAN BECOME PROSPEROUS IF THEY ARE LAZY? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

THE BIBLE TALKS A LOT ABOUT SOWING AND REAPING. WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS TO SOW? WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS TO REAP? _____

DAY 56: TITHING BEGAN FROM THE BEGINNING

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

GENESIS 4:2-4, CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION (CEV):

2 LATER SHE HAD ANOTHER SON AND NAMED HIM ABEL. ABEL BECAME A SHEEP FARMER, BUT CAIN FARMED THE LAND. 3 ONE DAY, CAIN GAVE PART OF HIS HARVEST TO THE LORD, 4 AND ABEL ALSO GAVE AN OFFERING TO THE LORD. HE KILLED THE FIRST-BORN LAMB FROM ONE OF HIS SHEEP AND GAVE THE LORD THE BEST PARTS OF IT. THE LORD WAS PLEASED WITH ABEL AND HIS OFFERING.

GENESIS 14:19-23, NEW LIFE VERSION (NLV):

19 AND MELCHIZEDEK HONORED ABRAM AND SAID, "MAY GOOD COME TO ABRAM FROM GOD MOST HIGH, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. 20 HONOR AND THANKS BE TO GOD MOST HIGH, WHO HAS GIVEN INTO YOUR HAND THOSE WHO FOUGHT AGAINST YOU." THEN ABRAM GAVE MELCHIZEDEK A TENTH OF ALL HE HAD TAKEN. 21 AND THE KING OF SODOM SAID TO ABRAM, "GIVE ME THE PEOPLE, BUT TAKE THE RICHES AND FOOD FOR YOURSELF." 22 BUT ABRAM SAID TO THE KING OF SODOM, "I HAVE PROMISED THE LORD GOD MOST HIGH, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, 23 THAT I WILL NOT TAKE A PIECE OF STRING OR PIECE OF LEATHER OR ANYTHING THAT IS YOURS. OR ELSE YOU MIGHT SAY, 'I HAVE MADE ABRAM RICH.'"

HEBREWS 7:1-8, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV):

MELCHIZEDEK WAS THE KING OF SALEM AND A PRIEST FOR GOD MOST HIGH. HE MET ABRAHAM WHEN ABRAHAM WAS COMING BACK AFTER DEFEATING THE KINGS. WHEN THEY MET, MELCHIZEDEK BLESSED ABRAHAM, 2 AND ABRAHAM GAVE HIM A TENTH OF EVERYTHING HE HAD BROUGHT BACK FROM THE BATTLE. FIRST, MELCHIZEDEK'S NAME MEANS "KING OF GOODNESS," AND HE IS KING OF SALEM, WHICH MEANS "KING OF PEACE." 3 NO ONE KNOWS WHO MELCHIZEDEK'S FATHER OR MOTHER WAS, WHERE HE CAME FROM, WHEN HE WAS BORN, OR WHEN HE DIED. MELCHIZEDEK IS LIKE THE SON OF GOD: HE CONTINUES BEING A PRIEST FOREVER. 4 YOU CAN SEE HOW GREAT MELCHIZEDEK WAS. ABRAHAM, THE GREAT FATHER, GAVE

HIM A TENTH OF EVERYTHING THAT HE WON IN BATTLE. 5 NOW THE LAW SAYS THAT THOSE IN THE TRIBE OF LEVI WHO BECOME PRIESTS MUST COLLECT A TENTH FROM THE PEOPLE—THEIR OWN PEOPLE—EVEN THOUGH THE PRIESTS AND THE PEOPLE ARE FROM THE FAMILY OF ABRAHAM. 6 MELCHIZEDEK WAS NOT FROM THE TRIBE OF LEVI, BUT HE COLLECTED A TENTH FROM ABRAHAM. AND HE BLESSED ABRAHAM, THE MAN WHO HAD GOD'S PROMISES. 7 NOW EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THE MORE IMPORTANT PERSON BLESSES THE LESS IMPORTANT PERSON. 8 PRIESTS RECEIVE A TENTH, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE ONLY MEN WHO LIVE AND THEN DIE. BUT MELCHIZEDEK, WHO RECEIVED A TENTH FROM ABRAHAM, CONTINUES LIVING, AS THE SCRIPTURE SAYS.

NOW ANSWERS SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

WHY DO YOU THINK GOD WAS PLEASED WITH ABEL'S OFFERING, BUT HE WASN'T PLEASED WITH CAIN'S OFFERING? _____

HAVE YOU EVER PRACTICED TITHING? PLEASE SHARE ABOUT IF IT WAS A GOOD OR BAD EXPERIENCE FOR YOU. _____

WHY DO YOU THINK TITHING IS IMPORTANT? HOW DO YOU THINK BECOMING A TITHER COULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE? _____

