

2020
GENERATION OF
LIGHT YOUTH
DEVOTIONAL
WEEK 9

DAY 57: TITHING ACTIVATES GOD'S 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:

MALACHI 3:8-12 NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT):

8 "SHOULD PEOPLE CHEAT GOD? YET YOU HAVE CHEATED ME! "BUT YOU ASK, 'WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHEN DID WE EVER CHEAT YOU?' "YOU HAVE CHEATED ME OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS DUE TO ME. 9 YOU ARE UNDER A CURSE, FOR YOUR WHOLE NATION HAS BEEN CHEATING ME. 10 BRING ALL THE TITHES INTO THE STOREHOUSE SO THERE WILL BE ENOUGH FOOD IN MY TEMPLE. IF YOU DO," SAYS THE LORD OF HEAVEN'S ARMIES, "I WILL OPEN THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN FOR YOU. I WILL POUR OUT A BLESSING SO GREAT YOU WON'T HAVE ENOUGH ROOM TO TAKE IT IN! TRY IT! PUT ME TO THE TEST! 11 YOUR CROPS WILL BE ABUNDANT, FOR I WILL GUARD THEM FROM INSECTS AND DISEASE. YOUR GRAPES WILL NOT FALL FROM THE VINE BEFORE THEY ARE RIPE," SAYS THE LORD OF HEAVEN'S ARMIES. 12 "THEN ALL NATIONS WILL CALL YOU BLESSED, FOR YOUR LAND WILL BE SUCH A DELIGHT," SAYS THE LORD OF HEAVEN'S ARMIES.

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 THAT PEOPLE WHO TITHE ARE MORE BLESSED THAN THOSE WHO DON'T TITHE? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

IF WE TITHE, WE ARE PROMISED TO RECEIVE A BLESSING SO GREAT THAT WE WON'T HAVE ROOM ENOUGH TO RECEIVE IT. WHAT WOULD YOUR LIFE LOOK LIKE IF YOU RECEIVED SO MANY BLESSINGS THAT YOU DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH ROOM TO RECEIVE ALL OF IT? _____

WHY DO YOU THINK IT CAN BE DIFFICULT FOR SOME PEOPLE TO MAKE THE DECISION AND COMMITMENT TO TITHE? _____

DAY 58: JESUS, OUR SUBSTITUTE

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 8:9, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV):
YOU KNOW THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. YOU KNOW THAT CHRIST WAS RICH, BUT FOR YOU HE BECAME POOR SO THAT BY HIS BECOMING POOR YOU MIGHT BECOME RICH.

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.

BEING RICH DOESN'T JUST MEAN HAVING A LOT OF MONEY. WHAT ARE SOME OTHER WAYS THAT YOU CAN BE RICH THAT DOESN'T INVOLVE MONEY? _____

BEING POOR DOESN'T JUST MEAN NOT HAVING MONEY. WHAT ARE SOME OTHER WAYS YOUR LIFE COULD BE POOR THAT DOESN'T INVOLVE NOT HAVING MONEY? _____

ONE OF THE REASONS JESUS DIED FOR US WAS SO THAT WE COULD BE RICH INSTEAD OF POOR. WHAT WAYS HAS GOD MADE YOU RICH? _____

DAY 59: RECEIVING IN PROPORTION TO YOUR GIVING

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:

LUKE 6:38, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT):

GIVE, AND YOU WILL RECEIVE. YOUR GIFT WILL RETURN TO YOU IN FULL—PRESSED DOWN, SHAKEN TOGETHER TO MAKE ROOM FOR MORE, RUNNING OVER, AND Poured INTO YOUR LAP. THE AMOUNT YOU GIVE WILL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT YOU GET BACK."

NUMBERS 11:23, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV):

BUT THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, "DO YOU THINK I'M WEAK? NOW YOU WILL SEE IF I CAN DO WHAT I SAY."

MATTHEW 19:26, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV):

JESUS LOOKED AT THEM AND SAID, "FOR PEOPLE THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT FOR GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE."

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.

THINK ABOUT HOW YOU TREAT OTHER PEOPLE (YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, STRANGERS, ETC.). DO OTHERS TREAT YOU THE SAME WAY YOU TREAT THEM? PLEASE SHARE ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES.

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

THE BIBLE SAYS THAT ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD, BUT HAVE YOU EVER FELT LIKE THERE WAS SOMETHING IN YOUR LIFE THAT WAS IMPOSSIBLE? WHAT WAS IT? _____

DAY 60: INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE WHO ARE RICH

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:

1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT):

17 TEACH THOSE WHO ARE RICH IN THIS WORLD NOT TO BE PROUD AND NOT TO TRUST IN THEIR MONEY, WHICH IS SO UNRELIABLE. THEIR TRUST SHOULD BE IN GOD, WHO RICHLY GIVES US ALL WE NEED FOR OUR ENJOYMENT. 18 TELL THEM TO USE THEIR MONEY TO DO GOOD. THEY SHOULD BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS AND GENEROUS TO THOSE IN NEED, ALWAYS BEING READY TO SHARE WITH OTHERS. 19 BY DOING THIS THEY WILL BE STORING UP THEIR TREASURE AS A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE SO THAT THEY MAY EXPERIENCE TRUE LIFE.

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.

MONEY IS A TOOL. IT CAN BE USED FOR GOOD OR USED FOR EVIL. WHAT ARE SOME WAYS THAT MONEY CAN BE USED FOR GOOD? _____

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS THAT MONEY HAS BEEN USED FOR EVIL? _____

DO YOU ENJOY GIVING? WHY OR WHY NOT?

DAY 61: YOUR HEAVENLY ACCOUNT

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:

MARK 10:29-30, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV):

29 JESUS SAID, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, ALL THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT HOUSES, BROTHERS, SISTERS, MOTHER, FATHER, CHILDREN, OR FARMS FOR ME AND FOR THE GOOD NEWS 30 WILL GET MORE THAN THEY LEFT. HERE IN THIS WORLD THEY WILL HAVE A HUNDRED TIMES MORE HOMES, BROTHERS, SISTERS, MOTHERS, CHILDREN, AND FIELDS. AND WITH THOSE THINGS, THEY WILL ALSO SUFFER FOR THEIR BELIEF. BUT IN THIS AGE THEY WILL HAVE LIFE FOREVER.

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.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PUT GOD FIRST? _____

WHEN WE PUT GOD FIRST IN OUR LIVES, WE WILL RECEIVE BLESSINGS, BUT WE WILL ALSO SOMETIMES FACE PERSECUTION OR REJECTION FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE. DO YOU THINK IT'S WORTH IT TO PUT GOD FIRST IN YOUR LIFE? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

HAVE YOU BEEN PUTTING GOD FIRST IN YOUR LIFE? WHAT WAYS HAVE YOU BEEN PUTTING GOD FIRST? WHAT WAYS DO YOU NEED TO WORK ON PUTTING GOD FIRST? _____

DAY 62: MAKING DEPOSITS & WITHDRAWALS

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 19:17, THE PASSION TRANSLATION:

EVERY TIME YOU GIVE TO THE POOR YOU MAKE A LOAN TO THE LORD. DON'T WORRY—YOU'LL BE REPAID IN FULL FOR ALL THE GOOD YOU'VE DONE.

PROVERBS 11:24-25, NEW CENTURY VERSION:

24 SOME PEOPLE GIVE MUCH BUT GET BACK EVEN MORE. OTHERS DON'T GIVE WHAT THEY SHOULD AND END UP POOR. 25 WHOEVER GIVES TO OTHERS WILL GET RICHER; THOSE WHO HELP OTHERS WILL THEMSELVES BE HELPED.

MARK 11:23-24, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION:

23 I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, YOU CAN SAY TO THIS MOUNTAIN, 'MAY YOU BE LIFTED UP AND THROWN INTO THE SEA,' AND IT WILL HAPPEN. BUT YOU MUST REALLY BELIEVE IT WILL HAPPEN AND HAVE NO DOUBT IN YOUR HEART. 24 I TELL YOU, YOU CAN PRAY FOR ANYTHING, AND IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU'VE RECEIVED IT, IT WILL BE YOURS.

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.

PRAY AND ASK GOD TO SHOW YOU WAYS YOU CAN GIVE TO HELP OTHERS YOU MAY BE IN NEED. WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOU BELIEVE GOD WANTS YOU TO GIVE RIGHT NOW? _____

HAVE YOU EVER REGRETTED GIVING TO HELP SOMEONE? HAVE YOU EVER REGRETTED NOT GIVING TO HELP SOMEONE? PLEASE SHARE ABOUT THOSE GIVING EXPERIENCES. _____

WHAT DO YOU THINK FAITH IS? DO YOU HAVE FAITH THAT GOD CAN ANSWER YOUR PRAYERS? WHAT THINGS ARE YOU PRAYING FOR RIGHT NOW? _____

DAY 63: WORKING IS GOOD

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:

EPHESIANS 4:28, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION:

IF YOU ARE A THIEF, QUIT STEALING. INSTEAD, USE YOUR HANDS FOR GOOD HARD WORK, AND THEN GIVE GENEROUSLY TO OTHERS IN NEED.

DEUTERONOMY 8:18, LIVING BIBLE:

ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT IT IS THE LORD YOUR GOD WHO GIVES YOU POWER TO BECOME RICH, AND HE DOES IT TO FULFILL HIS PROMISE TO YOUR ANCESTORS.

PSALM 1:3, NEW CENTURY VERSION:

THEY ARE STRONG, LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY A RIVER. THE TREE PRODUCES FRUIT IN SEASON, AND ITS LEAVES DON'T DIE. EVERYTHING THEY DO WILL SUCCEED.

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.

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS THAT YOU HAVE WORKED FOR MONEY? _____

WHY DO YOU THINK GOD BLESSES HARD WORKERS? _____

PRAY AND ASK GOD TO SHOW YOU WAYS ON HOW YOU CAN EARN MORE MONEY. WHAT IDEAS DID GOD GIVE YOU? _____

