October 30 | Sunday Give All You Can

Read Proverbs 11:25



31 | Mon – Give | Read Matthew 10:5-8

James Harnish says, "Wise earning and saving can put a lot of money in the bank, but what's the point?" The purpose is generosity. Jesus sent out his disciples to give what they had received. What could you give today to someone else from the blessings you have been given? Pay for lunch, buy gas for someone next to you at the pump, get extra school supplies and drop them off at a nearby school? Every day offers opportunities.

01 | Tue - Time | Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

We all are given 24 hours each day but at the end of their lives, some people have used time wisely while others have great regrets. Giving is often equated with money but time is one of those things you can give, even if the bank account is lean. What if you decided to give back to the Lord 10% of the time you have left after subtracting the hours you sleep, eat, and work at your job? Where would you spend that time in a God-honoring way?

02 | Wed – Possessions | Read Matthew 5:42

Most of us have things in our house or garage or even a storage unit that we are not using and probably never will again. Those resources can be given to someone who could use them. And what about items we only use occasionally - could those be loaned to others who have a need right now? It is interesting to look at possessions as things you can offer for God's work. Who knows what amazing ways you could bless others just by giving what you don't need anymore?

03 | Thu – Money | Read <u>Luke 21:1-4</u>

It can be hard to give money to God's work, especially when personal needs are great and income is limited. The woman in this story did not know anyone else was paying attention to what she was doing or that she was making a tremendous sacrifice to give. Yet Jesus knew. He knows your situation too. It is not the size of the gift; it is the attitude of the heart that counts with God.

04 | Fri – Prayer | Read 1 Samuel 12:23

The Old Testament prophet Samuel made a strong statement regarding prayer. It is one of the greatest gifts we can give and Samuel felt it was sin *not* to pray for others. If your prayers are so highly valued by God that they are put into gold bowls in heaven (Rev. 5:8), it makes sense to pray for others as often as you can. It is a gift that keeps on giving! Join us tomorrow (Sat) for the 24 Hour Prayer event. You can pray at church or home and a prayer guide is available upon request.

05 | Sat – The Source | Read 2 Corinthians 9:7-11

Giving is commendable but *how* you give is more important to God than how *much*. Give reluctantly and a blessing will be wasted. Is it difficult to give because you feel you don't have enough extra? Look at the promise in verse 8. If you make up your mind to become a generous giver - of time, money, or other resources - you can remind God of these words. The Lord gives generously to those He knows will pass it on.

