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OBEDIENT GIVING

The Great Commandment calls us to love the Lord our God with all of our heart soul, mind, and strength. Tonight, we will focus on loving God fully with our strength through obedient giving. Are we obedient and disciplined in our giving knowing what God has called us to do and responding likewise?

 How do you feel about discussing finances? Does it make you uncomfortable, are you indifferent, excited? Why?

Read Malachi 3:10, Deuteronomy 16:17, Proverbs 3:9, Matthew 5:42, and Romans 12:13. Scripture is clear, God commands us to give.

- Why does God call us to give?
- How do we measure obedience in giving? Is it how much we give? How often? Etc.
- Are you currently giving obediently? How can you personally grow in this?

Re-read 2 Corinthians 9:5. Gift can be translated as blessing. The Corinthians saw their finances as a blessing to those they were being given to, a willing blessing without an expectation of something being given in return. Jesus was also a blessing, a willing gift, the promised gift. The author of all blessings, who is worthy of all things, chose to give everything that we might receive the ultimate blessing of the forgiveness of our sins, reconciliation with God, and eternal life with our King. Our giving should be done willingly in response to the gospel.

- How does giving in response to the gospel change our view of finances and the way in which we give?
- Do you give in response to the gospel or out of habit/obligation?

LOOK AHEAD

Read 1 Chronicles 29:9 and John 3:16-17.

God's commands are not burdensome but bring us joy and are for our good. In these verses we see the rejoicing and joy produced from giving willingly and we see God himself giving His Son for the love He has for us. God desires us to see a relationship with him through the gospel and in so doing give not just faithfully, but thoughtfully, joyfully, and sacrificially, just as He does.



PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Throughout this week reflect, pray, and consider the following...

- Do you trust God with your finances? Why or why not?
- Are there organizations, people, specific causes, etc. That you're more willing to give to than others? More willing to give to than the church? If yes, why do you think that is?
- Take a look at your giving. Are you giving consistently?
- Do you pray and reflect on your giving regularly?

PRAYER & PRAYER REQUESTS

To close the evening in prayer, we want to ask that the Lord grow and strengthen in us a readiness, a willingness, a faithfulness, a worshipful obedience in the giving of our finances to further His kingdom. We want to pray for the Spirit to convict us for the ways in which we have not been obedient. We want to be reminded of and receive the grace and assurance of forgiveness offered through Jesus Christ. We want to pray that we would be a generous people who give not just because God commands it, but in response to the gospel.



REMEMBER & PRAISE: Based on last week's discussion and your reflections throughout the week, what has God been teaching you about your strength and obedience in giving?

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2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15 -- Begin by reading this week's Scripture out loud.

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JOYFUL GIVING

The Great Commandment calls us to love the Lord our God with all of our heart soul, mind, and strength. Tonight, we will focus on loving God fully with our heart through joyful giving.

• Is giving joyfully something, you feel you're great at, or is it something you struggle with? Why?

Re-read 2 Corinthians 9:6-9. God is a cheerful giver, and He desires for us to follow suit. We get the privilege and freedom to give bountifully and abundantly with joyful assurance because God has got it covered; every good and perfect gift comes from Him (James 1:17). He reminds us in v.8 that He "is able to make all GRACE abound to you, so that having all SUFFICIENCY, in all THINGS, at all TIMES, YOU may abound in EVERY GOOD WORK."

- What in life are you able to give or sow with joy?
- What in life is difficult to give or sow with joy? Why?
 - Would you say you give financially with joy? Why or why not?
- V. 7 tells us that "one must give as he has decided in his heart." How do we decide in our heart what to give? How do we rightly tie our emotions to giving?

Re-read 2 Corinthians 9:10-14. When we give to the Lord, we are not only supplying the needs of the saints, but also many thanksgivings to God. We are invited into and impact God's redemptive work in the world. This is INCREDIBLE! God allows us to image Him as He cheerful gives, and desires for giving to produce joy in us.

- Does the reality that through material means God invites you to impact spiritual realms produce joy in you?
- How have you seen your own financial sowing or the financial sowing of others reap in spiritual realms?

LOOK AHEAD

Read Hebrews 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 9:15, and Ephesians 2:8.

Jesus is the perfect example of a joyful giver. He for the joy set before Him gave more than money could buy, more than we could ever afford, He gave His life. He endured the cross and the wrath of God that we might receive the most important gift we could ever receive our salvation and eternity with Him. "Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!"



2 Corinthians 9:6-15 *Joyful Giver - Tory Mayo* CG Curriculum - Week of September 19, 2021

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

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Throughout this week...

- Read and reflect on Matthew 6:19-21 where we are told that where our treasure is, there our heart will be also.
 - o Where are you storing up treasures?
- Make a list of to whom and where you are currently giving.
 - What would it look like for you to emotionally engage your heart in giving to them? OR
 - Are you overly emotional with giving? Does it cause you to not be very consistent or sacrificial in your giving?
- What has God called you in your heart to give?
 - o Do you need to increase giving to certain organizations/people?
 - o Do you need to start giving to an organization/people?

PRAYER & PRAYER REQUESTS

To close the evening in prayer, we want to pray that God would give us a joyful heart to give generously. Pray that we would reflect on how we give and lovingly engage as He does in what we offer. Pray that we would believe that the material means that He has given to us and calls us to sow is used for Kingdom advancement and would bring us abounding joy and Him glory and honor.



REMEMBER & PRAISE: Based on last week's discussion and your reflections throughout the week, what has God been teaching you about your heart and joy in giving?

LOOK UP

2 CORINTHIANS 8:8-15 -- Begin by reading this week's Scripture out loud.

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THOUGHTFUL GIVING

The Great Commandment calls us to love the Lord our God with all of your heart soul, mind, and strength. Tonight, we will focus on loving God fully with our mind through thoughtful giving.

- Is giving thoughtfully, something you feel you're great at, or is it something you struggle with?
 Why?
- Why is it important to engage and love God with our thoughts/mind?
 - o How do we do this?
- What in your life has shaped your thoughts/beliefs around giving?
 - o Family, life experiences, the church, fear, abundance, obligation, etc.?

Read Matthew 25:14-27. God entrusts us to be good stewards of his gifts. To steward them with purpose, intention, and to trust that He will provide all of our needs. To do this, we must engage our minds.

- Do you see giving as an investment? Why or why not?
 - O When we give back to the Lord, what are we investing in?
 - Be specific! Think about what scripture says, as well as the mission and vision of The Well and other individuals or organizations you might be giving to.
- How do we steward God's gift's with thoughtful intention and purpose?
 - o Think time, talents, AND treasures.
- What would it look like for you to grow in thoughtful giving?

LOOK AHEAD

Read Colossians 3:2 & Romans 8:5

How we think shapes how we live. Our thoughts dictate our decisions, our decisions determine our behaviors, and our behaviors shape our relationships. We must engage and set out minds on the things that are above. Without thoughtful planning, we cannot give generously as He has called us.



PRACTICAL APPLICATION

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Throughout this week, consider the following...

- If you have a personal budget, thoughtfully reflect and pray.
 - o What do you spend?
 - o What do you save?
 - o What do you give?
 - Are you giving thoughtfully and intentionally?
 - Are you balancing your thoughtfulness with joy, obedience, and sacrifice?
- If you don't have a personal budget, consider creating a simple budget to help you more thoughtfully engage with your finances.
 - o If this is an area of giving that you struggle with, consider signing up for our upcoming Moneywise Class:
 - www.thewellaustin.com/events
 - Begins January 9th, 2022.

PRAYER & PRAYER REQUESTS

To close the evening in prayer, we want to pray that we would grow in loving God with our minds, setting them on the things that are above, and seeing giving as an investment in His eternal Kingdom. Pray that we would steward Gods gifts with intention and purpose to give generously.



EVANGELISM: How have you been partnering with God to reach the lost?

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LOOK UP

LOOK BACK

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-9 & Proverbs 3:5-6, 9-10 -- Begin by reading this week's Scripture out loud.

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SACRIFICIAL GIVER

The Great Commandment calls us to love the Lord our God with all of our heart soul, mind, and strength. Tonight, we will focus on loving God fully with our soul through sacrificial giving.

- Is giving sacrificially something you feel you're great at, or is it something you struggle with? Why?
- How is Jesus the ultimate sacrificial giver? How has His sacrifice changed your life?

Read Mark 12:41-44, Proverbs 11:24-25, Job 41:11. How we view and handle our finances is part of how we engage and peer into our souls to see what we really believe.

- Do you give out of your abundance, or do you sacrificially give believing in God's abundance?
- Is it difficult for you to give sacrificially? Why or why not?
 - o Is it difficult to give without expecting something in return?

Re-read 2 Corinthians 8:3-5. The Corinthians gave sacrificially because they believed and had deep conviction for the things of God. They gave not because they had to, but because they desired to. V4 tells us they were "begging earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints."

- What motivates you to give? Is it a deep conviction of faith like the Corinthians, or?
- How do we give freely and sacrificially engaging our souls?

LOOK AHEAD

Read or Re-read Proverbs 3:5-6, 9-10.

May we grow in trusting the LORD with all that we have and all that we are. Honoring His ultimate sacrifice with our time, our talents, and our treasures.



2 Corinthians 8:1-9 & Proverbs 3:5-6, 9-10 Sacrificial Giver - Tory Mayo CG Curriculum - Week of October 3rd, 2021

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

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Throughout the week pray and consider the following...

- From examining your personal budget last week, do you prioritize what you spend? What you save? Or, what you give?
 - o How can you give of your "first fruits" rather than what you have left over?
 - What adjustments do you need to make to your budget to give sacrificially engaging your soul?
- Write down each day at least 3 things God has given to you and thank Him for them. In doing so, practice engaging your heart, mind, strength, and soul in gratitude by responding to the grace and love of our God who gives freely to us.

PRAYER & PRAYER REQUESTS

To close the evening in prayer, we want to pray that we would see giving not as something we have to do, but something we get to do. Pray that we would desire to give sacrificially trusting in the Lord's provision and always in response to the loving sacrifice of our Savior Jesus Christ.



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SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK -- Begin by reading this week's Scripture out loud. *Shepherds, please read and utilize any scriptures from the sermon here*

What from the sermon on Sunday or as we were reading just now stuck out to you?

GENEROSITY BY GRACE

Our generosity is in response to the grace of God in our lives. It does not come from what we do or have done, but from the transforming work of Jesus Christ in us.

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. Paul calls the Macedonians giving to help the hungry in Jerusalem an "act of grace" The same Greek word is used for Christian *giving* as for God's *grace*.

- Have you experienced "grace" through the actions of someone who has helped you financially? Or have you been able to extend "grace" to someone in need? How did this make you feel?
- How do you connect "giving" or being generous with God's "grace"?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:9.

- How did we become rich through Christ becoming poor?
- If there is nothing that we have that can compare to the grace we have received through Christ, why is it hard to be generous with what we have been given?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:13-15

The grace we have received is the action; our generosity is the reaction. We give generously because He first gave His life for us! Much like thunder follows lightening, giving follows grace. When God's grace touches us, we cannot help our desire to be generous.

- What area or areas (heart, soul, mind, and strength) would you say you're giving well in?
- What area or areas (heart, soul, mind, and strength) are God seeking to sanctify?

LOOK AHEAD

Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-12 & 1 Chronicles 29:10-14

"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you."



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Throughout the week pray and consider the following...

- Has the degree of level of your generosity suggested that you have recognized and embraced the full extent of God's grace in your life?
- Are there material things (assets, possessions, 401K's, Roth IRA's, etc.) competing with your desire to be generous with the resources you have been given?
- What steps do you need to take to embrace God's grace as your ultimate financial planner?

PRAYER & PRAYER REQUESTS

To close the evening in prayer, we want to acknowledge the amazing gift of grace that we have been given to guide our generosity.



REMEMBER & PRAISE: Take this time to allow a few women who attended the Women's Retreat to share some of their highlights, experiences, things they learned, etc.

LOOK UP

MATTHEW 22:37-40 -- Begin by reading this week's scripture out loud.

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"HOW" OF DISCIPLESHIP

As disciples, our end goal is to grow more in the image of Christ—to be more like Him not only in what we do but how we do it and why we do it. The 'what' we're called to do is vast (though it can be summed up in the Great Commission in Matt. 28:18-20), but 'how' we do these things is equally important. Our greatest command is to love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30), in many ways encompassing the 'how' and 'why' of our walk with Christ. We learned specifically over the last few weeks to process the 'how' and 'why' of our generosity and want to begin to process more broadly other areas of our lives.

Tonight, we will take time to self-reflect by diagnosing our heart, soul, mind, and strength concerning the following areas important to our Christian lives.

SCRIPTURE

- What does the bible say about scripture and its importance in the life of a believer?
 - o Helpful Scriptures: 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 119, Isaiah 40:8, John 17:17, etc.

PRAYER

- What does the bible say about prayer and its importance in the life of a believer?
 - Helpful Scriptures: 2 Chronicles 7:14, Matthew 6:5-15, Luke 11:9-13, Romans 8:26-27, etc.

CONFESSION & REPENTANCE

- What does the bible say about confession/repentance and its importance in the life of a believer?
 - o Helpful Scriptures: Isaiah 55:6-7, Luke 24:46-47, Luke 19:1-10, Acts 2:37-38, Acts 3:17-21, etc.

<u>DIAGNOSE</u>

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"Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!" - Psalm 139:23-24 -



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DISCUSSION

All of us will have strengths and weaknesses on this side of heaven. These strengths and weaknesses will also change in different seasons of our lives. The beauty of it all is that we can use our differences to help one another grow, and we can be assured that Christ will continue and complete His work in us (Philippians 1:6).

- What were your overall strengths?
 - Think about not only scripture, prayer, confession, and repentance, but also soul, strength, heart, and mind.
- What were your areas of growth?
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LOOK AHEAD

PRAYER & PRAYER REQUESTS

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• What do you feel convicted in and want to grow in?

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CG DISCIPLESHIP REFLECTION TOOL PART 1



SOLII

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MIND

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EVANGELISM

What does the bible say about evangelism and its importance in the life of a believer?
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DISCIPLESHIP

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CG DISCIPLESHIP REFLECTION TOOL PART 2



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LOOK UP

MATTHEW 28:18-20 -- Begin by reading this week's Scripture out loud.

What from the sermon on Sunday or as we were reading just now stuck out to you?

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Jesus tells us the "what" of discipleship is to go and make disciples. In vs.20 of the Great Commission, we learn that we make disciples by training them to observe all that He has commanded. Tonight, we will focus on our submission to Christ as we desire for full transformation into His likeness through discipleship for His glory in the world.

- Have you been or are you currently being discipled by someone? How has that relationship impacted your life?
- Have you or are you discipling someone? How have you seen that person grow in Christlikeness? How has it glorified God and impacted the kingdom?

READ Genesis 1:27-28, Deuteronomy 4:40, Psalm 119:92-93, 105, 130 John 14:15, and Matthew 5:17-19

• Why does God give us laws, commands, His word, etc., to observe?

READ Psalm 1:1-3, Psalm 119:1-16

- Are the Lord's commands as beautiful to you as His promises?
 - o How would love for His commands change your life?

Throughout this series, we have talked about the "how" (Great Commandment) and the "what" (Great Commission) of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. We see that God desires to redeem and transform every aspect of who He has made us to be, not just what we are doing but how we are doing it. Both are essential. As disciples, we must submit all aspects of ourselves to Him. As the creator, author, and perfector, He is a much better steward of our lives than we are.

When answering the following questions, reflect and think holistically (how & what) of yourself as a disciple of Christ and as one who partners in making disciples of Christ.

- What aspects of your life do you readily submit to the Lord to be discipled in?
- What aspects of your life do you continue to reign over as your own lord or allow the world to disciple you in?
- How or What is God personally calling you to submit to and grow in this season?

Matthew 28:18-20 "What" of Discipleship - Tory Mayo CG Curriculum - Week of October 31st, 2021

Re-read Matthew 5:17-20 and read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.

"..in him we might become the righteousness of God." It is not our strength in obediently following God that gives us righteousness. It is not our love for Him, or our ability to mindfully and thoughtfully engage, or even to sacrificially and faithfully believe. In Christ and by Christ alone, we are transformed into who God made us to be and desires for us to be. May we learn to be discipled into Christ, submitting ourselves to Him completely so that He is glorified in this life and for all eternity.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Read Ephesians 4:11-16. We need each other in our pursuit of Christlikeness. We were not meant to participate in the journey of sanctification alone.

- If you are not being discipled, find someone to disciple you.
 - O How do I find someone? Ask men and women that you respect to enter into a discipleship relationship with you. This doesn't have to always be based on age or even length in the faith, but who do you see around you that you respect? Ask them to begin teaching you more about Christ!
- If you are not discipling someone, pray and seek the Lord what that would look like and who that might be in this season.
- If you are in discipleship relationships, reflect: are they centered on pursuing Christlikeness through observing all that He commanded? Is there growth, vulnerability, accountability, etc.?

PRAYER & PRAYER REQUESTS

To close the evening in prayer, we want to pray that we would cherish the commandments our God has given us. Pray that we would submit as His disciples what we do and how we do it so that we and those we disciple are sanctified and transformed into His likeness for His glory.



SERVE TOGETHER: Allow your Missions Liaison to update the group on upcoming serving plans and opportunities. Pray for the people and organization your group has chosen to serve.

MISSIONARY CARE: If your group has a Missionary Team that you get updates from, please use this time to update your group and pray for the Missionary Team. If your group does not yet have a Missionary Team, please use this time to pray for our Disciple-Making Intensives, future missionaries, and The Well's efforts corporately to send missionaries.

LOOK UP

PSALM 111 -- Begin by reading this week's Scripture out loud.

- What as we were reading stuck out to you?
- Why does God call us to remember, give thanks, and praise?

THANKSGIVING

Tonight, we want to continue the celebration from this past Sunday by focusing on thanksgiving. Enjoy a potluck together as a CG, or something equivalent, and feel free to use one of the suggestions below to help people remember and praise God for His steadfast love and faithfulness.

THANKSGIVING JAR

- o Set up a jar, slips of paper, and pens before the start of CG.
- o Upon arrival, encourage your CG members to write down things they are grateful for and want to praise God for in this past year. They can be personal, about community, The Well, etc.
- o Take turns having individuals pull out a slip of paper from the jar and reading them out loud.

SMALL GROUPS

- o Allows folks after the meal to split into small groups of 3-4 people and share 3 ways they have seen God's faithfulness in their lives over the past year that has impacted them.
- o Let them know before eating, so they have time to think and reflect.

WHILE EATING

- Go around the room/table and have each person share one way God has shown loving kindness, mercy, faithfulness, growth, sanctification, etc., in their lives in this past season.
- o Go "around" as many times as you want.
- Feel free to come up with your own ideas. You know your group, call out God's goodness, and celebrate together.



LOOK AHEAD

PRAYER & PRAYER REQUESTS

For tonight's prayer, we want to thank God for His steadfast love, faithfulness, mercy, and goodness that you just celebrated. Take time to share personal prayer requests with one another, then pray for individuals by name.

To close out the evening, read Psalm 136:1-9 & 23-26. Encourage everyone to read outline the repeated phrase at the end of each verse, "for His steadfast love endures forever."