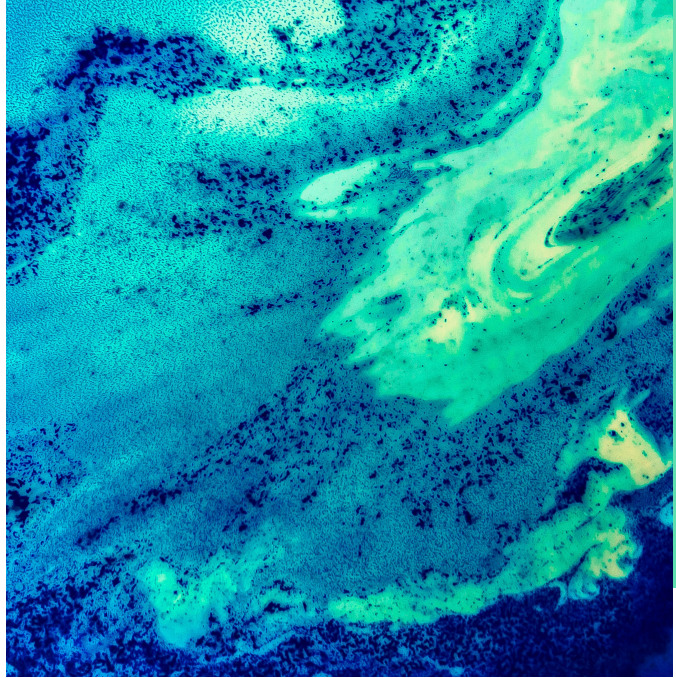


RHYTHMS:

Cultivating Spiritual Habits of Devotion

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1 CORINTHIANS 16:2

Prepare Your Heart & Mind

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



Reflect/Connect

- Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

Grow in the Word

- These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.

REFLECT/CONNECT

- In what ways did your practice of singing change this last week, and what difference did it make?
- What comes to mind when you think of practicing discipline with regard to handling money?
- What experience do you have with practicing giving as a spiritual discipline?

GROW IN THE WORD

Paul provided the Corinthians with instructions on how to steward the money that they wanted to collect for believers in Jerusalem.

- What characteristics of Christian giving and handling money can you identify in this passage?
- What aspect of giving is not mentioned in verse 2? Take note of 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 for Paul's follow-up instructions.
- How would you describe the heart behind Paul's instruction and the Corinthian's desire to give? See the previous verse and also Acts 11:29-30; Galatians 2:10; Isaiah 41:17.

Paul offered a concrete practice characterized by planning and order, so that the readers could express their concern for those in Jerusalem through their giving.

- In what ways does Paul's exhortation of intentionality, order, and selflessness challenge the way you handle your own money?
- What are some challenges that make it difficult to handle and give money as Paul exhorts?

GROW IN THE WORD, CONT.

Cultivating a rhythm of giving helps us give ownership of our money back to God, it deepens our dependence on God, and it blesses those in need.

- How do you want the way you give and handle money to change in light of this passage?
- What next step can you take to make this happen?

RESOURCES

Finances that Fuel Evangelism

A brief podcast episode in which David Platt describes how the people of Israel came together to provide offerings at different points in their history as needs arose. Platt examines the link between our hearts and our use of money and ends the episode by offering specific prayers to encourage Christians to emulate the Israelites in the matter of giving.

- <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/1-325-finances-that-fuel-evangelism-exodus-35-29/id1270453166?i=1000514301282>
- <https://open.spotify.com/episode/5B86bayQTgsWJ0jCxw2Tq?si=87c1b8521da7412f>

Quiz: How Can You Reflect Jesus Through Generosity?

An interactive, online, three-question quiz from Cru that provides specific encouragement, resources, and next steps based on your quiz responses. Take the quiz in as little as 2 minutes and find inspiration on the topic of generosity and stewardship.

- <https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/quizzes-and-assessments/how-can-i-generously-reflect-jesus.html>

How Should We View Giving in the Church?

An article by pastor Jamie Dunlop provides pastoral advice on the topic of giving by discussing the reasons Christians give, the attitude out of which to give, and giving's great effects on both the giver and receiver.

- <https://radical.net/article/giving-in-church/>

Balancing the Christian Life by Charles Ryrie

Scholar and Theologian Charles Ryrie reminds readers that the guide and test for all of spiritual life arises out of the word of God, and "if any experience fails that test, it must be discarded". Ryrie examines a variety of spiritual topics, from forgiveness to money and the love of God, to help readers apply truths from these doctrines, resulting in a balanced Christian life.

- <https://www.amazon.com/Balancing-Christian-Life-Charles-Ryrie/dp/0802408877#:~:text=In%20Balancing%20the%20Christian%20Life,spirituality%20will%20result%20in%20an>

Financial Peace: Putting Common Sense Into Your Dollars and Cents by Dave Ramsey

In one of the most valuable purchases any reader can make, Dave Ramsey offers a practical set of tools to help readers get out of debt and stay out of debt. Filled with inspirational insights drawn from personal experience, readers are equipped to manage their money in a biblical and disciplined manner.

- https://www.amazon.com/Financial-Peace-Putting-Common-Dollars-dp-0963571230/dp/0963571230/ref=dp_ob_title_bk

Ministries of Mercy - Timothy J. Keller

Tim Keller examines the story of the Good Samaritan and unearths the call for all believers to care for the needy. Along the way Keller addresses issues including the lifestyle of the modern Christian, how to discern where to give, and how to carry out this calling as individuals, families, and churches.

- https://www.amazon.com/Ministries-Mercy-Third-Call-Jericho-dp-1596389559/dp/1596389559/ref=dp_ob_title_bk