



PRESS ON TO A LIFE THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Press On: To a Life of **GENEROSITY**

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7; PHILIPPIANS 3:20-4:1

Values mentioned most in the Bible:
FAITH: 246 times HOPE: 185 times
LOVE: 1,733 times GIVING: 2,285 times

BUT JUST AS YOU EXCEL

IN EVERYTHING -

IN FAITH, IN SPEECH,

IN KNOWLEDGE,

IN COMPLETE EARNESTNESS

AND IN YOUR

LOVE FOR US -

SEE THAT YOU ALSO

EXCEL IN

THIS GRACE

OF GIVING.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7

How giving benefits my own life:

1. Giving draws me _____ and to my spiritual community.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

2. Giving breaks the nasty grip of _____ on my life.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant or to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain . . . Command them . . . to be generous and willing to share. In this way . . . they may take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:17-19

3. Giving exercises my _____ muscles and therefore pleases God.

Your giving proves the reality of your faith ... 2 Corinthians 9:13 (Phillips)

4. Giving is a test of my _____ and trustworthiness.

"If you are untrustworthy with worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?" Luke 16:11 (NLT)

5. Giving is a sure and safe investment paying big dividends in _____ .

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:18-19

6. Giving _____ me and brings happiness and _____ into my life.

Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. Deuteronomy 15:10
In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35

REMEMBER THE GENEROSITY OF GOD

For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. Romans 8:3

Pray for the Persecuted Church

Pray that persecuted Christians would not be ashamed but would rejoice and glorify God in the midst of their suffering. (1 Peter 4:12-16)

Pray that persecuted Christians would love and bless the people persecuting them. (Romans 12:14)

Pray that persecuted Christians would boldly continue to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for the salvation of those persecuting them and the growth of the Church in these persecuted areas. (Acts 5:41-42)

Pray that persecuted, imprisoned Christians would be released and that the torture would cease. (Acts 12:6-19)

Pray for endurance and faithfulness for persecuted Christians. (Acts 14:21-22)

For more information on and ways to help persecuted Christians, log on to www.persecution.com

General

TODAY CCBC OBSERVES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH. Want to encourage a persecuted believer? The simple act of writing a card can bring hope, comfort and strength to those who suffer for their faith. Stop by the Women's Kiosk or Information Desk to pick up a card, fill it out and drop it in the collection box.

LIFE STAGE 6 POTLUCK DINNER WITH THE ROSTVIT TWINS THIS FRIDAY, Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Small Sanctuary. The Rostvit Twins, Janice and Faye from Colorado Springs, have been singing internationally for 40 years. At the invitation of missionaries or local pastors, they have been to 90 countries and have sung in 116 languages. They encourage believers in their own heart language, have authored a book about God's providential care in their travels and compose their own music.

WE ARE PUTTING TOGETHER TEAMS to help install a new playground here at CCBC. If you can turn a socket wrench or work a shovel, we can use you! Contact Jaymes Burr at 817-680-4126 for more information.

Global Missions

JOIN US TODAY FOR OUR NEW MISSIONS MINISTRY CALLED "LAUNCH," geared at preparing those who want to go on the mission field, at 12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This week we'll discuss the biblical perspective on raising support.

Coming up AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Soul Care

CHANGING HEARTS, CHANGING LIVES STARTS TODAY This course shows leaders how God changes hearts and minds, and how they can become instruments of change to help others. Since loving others in need is often challenging, this seminar demonstrates how to apply the power of the gospel in these difficult situations. Meets for 12 weeks on Sunday evenings starting today, 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. Cost: \$12 for workbook. To register contact Adelaide at AdelaideM@christchapelbc.org or 817-546-0827.

Men

BASIC TRAINING Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. in the Small Sanctuary or Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. It's about a change that begins on the inside and works its way to the outside in tangible, practical expressions of faith. Because each lesson stands on its own, it's never too late to join this series! For details contact Ben at BenB@christchapelbc.org or 817-546-6178.

LAST CALL FOR FLAG FOOTBALL! Sunday afternoon and evening recreational league. Play begins Feb. 21. Season includes 10 Sunday games plus any playoffs. Registration is \$30 per player. Space on roster is limited. Contact Peter at PeterNossal@gmail.com or 214-908-6590.

Women

WOMEN IN THE WORD BIBLE STUDY "You've Got Mail! Real Life Encouragement from Paul and Peter" meets Thursdays at 9:45 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary or 7 p.m. in the Small Sanctuary. As we study 1 & 2 Thessalonians and 1 & 2 Peter this spring, you'll gain a fresh understanding of how to live an authentic Christ-centered life. Register online or at the Women's Kiosk.

LADIES' DAY AWAY THIS SATURDAY Worried? Overwhelmed? Discontented? Learn what it means to rest in the arms of God. "Resting in the Arms of God" is this Saturday, Feb. 20 and author and speaker Jackie Kendall will share from her heartache with humor and authenticity. Cost: \$20, including lunch. Register online or at the Women's Kiosk.

Students

SUMMER MISSION TRIPS DEADLINE IS NEXT SUNDAY If you're a high school student and interested in going on a short-term mission trip this summer, pick up an application and informational flyer in the Bubble today. You can also or contact David at DavidH@christchapelbc.org or Kristy at KristyH@christchapelbc.org. Please note that applications must be filled out if students desire to go with us, and the deadline is next Sunday, Feb. 21.