



Let's Go Higher **DEVOTIONALS**

SERMON: "THANKFUL GIVER"

Day 1: The Heart of a Thankful Giver

Devotional: Have you ever noticed how some people seem to radiate joy when they help others? There's something beautiful about watching someone give not out of obligation, but from a heart overflowing with gratitude. This is the essence of being a thankful giver—it's not about the size of your bank account or the magnitude of your resources. It's about the condition of your heart. Being a thankful giver means recognizing that everything we have—our time, our abilities, our experiences, even our struggles—are gifts from God that can be shared with others. When we truly understand this, giving becomes less about what we're losing and more about what we're privileged to share. Think about the last time someone shared something meaningful with you. Maybe it was wisdom during a difficult season, time when you needed someone to listen, or simply their presence when you felt alone. That person was operating as a thankful giver, sharing from their heart rather than their wallet. This lifestyle isn't seasonal or situational—it's a daily choice to see our lives as an opportunity to bless others. When we embrace this perspective, we discover that giving isn't a burden but a privilege, not a duty but a delight.

Bible Verse: 'And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.' - Matthew 25:40

Reflection Question: What gifts has God given you—beyond money—that you could joyfully share with someone in need today?

Prayer: Lord, help me see my life through the lens of gratitude. Open my eyes to recognize all the ways You've blessed me, and give me a heart that joyfully shares these blessings with others. Transform my perspective from scarcity to abundance, knowing that everything I have comes from You.



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Day 2: Living with Purpose Changes Everything

Devotional: There's something powerful that happens when you discover why you were created. Suddenly, life isn't just about surviving or accumulating—it's about fulfilling the unique purpose God has designed for you. This discovery transforms how we approach giving because when you're walking in God's will, selfishness becomes impossible. Purpose gives our giving direction and meaning. Instead of random acts of kindness (though those are wonderful too), we begin to see how our unique gifts, experiences, and calling can address specific needs around us. The teacher who stays late to help struggling students isn't just being nice—they're walking in purpose. The friend who uses their painful experience to comfort others isn't just being helpful—they're fulfilling their calling. When you understand your purpose, giving stops feeling like a sacrifice and starts feeling like fulfillment. You realize that the wisdom gained from your mistakes, the skills developed through your career, and even the healing from your wounds are all tools God wants to use through you to bless others. This purposeful living creates a beautiful cycle: as you give from your purpose, you experience more of God's presence and direction in your life, which deepens your understanding of why you're here, which motivates even more purposeful giving.

Bible Verse: Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.' - 2 Corinthians 9:6

Reflection Question: How might God want to use your unique experiences, skills, or struggles to serve His purposes in someone else's life?

Prayer: Father, help me discover and walk confidently in the purpose You've designed for me. Show me how my unique story, gifts, and experiences can be used to bless others and bring glory to Your name. Remove any selfishness that would hinder me from living fully for You.



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Day 3: The Power of Passionate Giving

Devotional: Have you ever been around someone who's truly passionate about something? Their enthusiasm is contagious. Their eyes light up when they talk about it. They can't help but share it with others. This is the kind of passion that should fuel our giving—not grudging obligation, but infectious enthusiasm. Passionate giving flows from the heart, not from external pressure or guilt. It's the difference between a parent who reluctantly helps with homework and one who gets excited about their child's learning journey. It's the difference between writing a check because you have to and investing in someone's life because you can't help but care. This passion doesn't wait for perfect circumstances. It doesn't say, "I'll give when I have more time" or "I'll help when my finances are better." Passionate givers understand that sometimes the best way through difficult seasons is to give your way out—to focus on blessing others even when you're facing your own challenges. When giving flows from passion, it becomes sustainable and joyful. You're not constantly calculating what you're losing; instead, you're energized by what you're able to contribute. This kind of giving doesn't drain you—it actually fills you up because you're operating in alignment with how God designed your heart to work.

Bible Verse: 'Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.' - 2 Corinthians 9:7

Reflection Question: What area of need or service makes your heart come alive with enthusiasm, and how can you channel that passion into meaningful giving?

Prayer: God, ignite my heart with genuine passion for serving others. Help me move beyond duty-driven giving to passionate, joyful generosity. Show me the areas where You've placed special enthusiasm in my heart, and help me channel that passion into blessing others.



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Day 4: Seeing with God's Perspective

Devotional: Sometimes the most generous thing you can do is see what others miss. While everyone else might notice the surface problem, perspective allows you to see the root cause and address it meaningfully. This kind of insight is a gift that comes from walking closely with God and learning to see situations through His eyes. Perspective transforms how we respond to need. Instead of just giving a hungry person food, we might see the deeper need for job training or emotional healing. Instead of just offering money to someone in crisis, we might recognize they need someone to believe in them and walk alongside them through the difficulty. This deeper vision compels us to act without being asked. When you truly see a need—not just the surface symptom but the underlying cause—your heart is moved to respond. It becomes necessary, not optional. Your feet aren't dragged; they're propelled by compassion. Developing this perspective requires spending time with God, listening to His heart for people, and being willing to look beyond the obvious. It means asking better questions: "What's really going on here?" "What would healing look like in this situation?" "How can I address not just the immediate need but the underlying issue?" This kind of giving creates lasting change because it addresses root causes rather than just symptoms.

Bible Verse: 'Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.' - Luke 6:38

Reflection Question: Think of someone you know who's struggling—what might be the deeper, root need beneath their obvious challenges, and how could you help address that?

Prayer: Lord, give me Your eyes to see beyond surface needs to the deeper issues in people's lives. Help me develop the wisdom and perspective to offer help that truly makes a lasting difference. Show me how to address root causes, not just symptoms.



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Day 5: The Legacy of Generous Living

Devotional: Every act of generous giving creates ripples that extend far beyond the immediate moment. When you give from a thankful heart, you're not just meeting a present need—you're creating a legacy that will outlive you and continue blessing others for generations to come. God operates as a force multiplier in our giving. When we place our gifts—whether time, resources, or talents—into His hands, He doesn't just use them once. He multiplies their impact in ways we could never imagine. The encouragement you offer today might be repeated by that person to someone else tomorrow. The financial gift you give might enable someone to help others in ways that continue for years. This multiplication principle means that your giving positions you to receive "armloads of blessing" in return. Not because giving is a transaction, but because God delights in blessing generous hearts. When you give, you force God into multiplication mode—He measures, presses down, shakes together, and runs over with His blessings in your life. Perhaps most beautifully, your generous lifestyle becomes a testimony that points others to God. When people see your joyful giving, they don't just thank you—they thank God. Your generosity becomes a conduit for others to experience and praise the goodness of God. The widow who gave her last two coins created a legacy that still inspires generous giving thousands of years later. Your faithful giving today is creating a similar legacy for your children, grandchildren, and countless others who will be touched by your generosity.

Bible Verse: 'You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.' - 2 Corinthians 9:11

Reflection Question: What kind of legacy of generosity do you want to leave, and what specific step can you take today to begin building that legacy?

Prayer: Father, help me understand that my giving today creates a legacy that will outlive me. Use my generosity to bless others and point them to You. Multiply my gifts in ways I cannot imagine, and help me trust You with the results. Make my life a testimony of Your goodness and faithfulness.