

30 DAY JOURNAL

Generous Giving

BASED ON 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-9



A JOURNEY of GRACE & GIVING

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Grace-Giving Journey: A 30-Day Devotional **Transforming Hearts Through God's Grace**

Introduction:

Welcome to your 30-day journey of discovering how God's grace transforms giving.

This devotional is designed to help you move from duty-based giving to grace-motivated generosity. Each day includes a brief reflection, a practical challenge, and space for journal to write your thoughts and prayers. Remember: This isn't about reaching a certain dollar amount—it's about allowing God's grace to transform your heart and your relationship with money and possessions.

Week 1: Foundation Building *Understanding Grace*

Day 1: The Grace Inventory Begins

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:9 - "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."

Reflection: Before we can give from grace, we must understand what grace has given us. Today, begin listing the spiritual blessings you've received in Christ. Start with the basics: forgiveness, salvation, eternal life.

Challenge: Write down 5 spiritual blessings God has given you.

Journal Space: *What spiritual blessing am I most grateful for today?*

Day 2: Counting Spiritual Riches

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3 - "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places."

Reflection: Yesterday you started your grace inventory. Today, expand it. Think about God's faithfulness, His answered prayers, the peace He's given you, the relationships He's blessed you with.

Challenge: Add 10 more blessings to your list. Include both spiritual and material blessings.

Journal Space: *How has recognizing God's blessings changed my perspective today?*

Day 3: Tracking Your Treasure

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

Reflection: Today we begin examining how we use what God has given us. This isn't about judgment—it's about awareness. Understanding our spending patterns helps us identify opportunities for generosity.

Challenge: Track every dollar you spend today. Write it down: coffee, lunch, gas, everything.

Spending Tracker:

Morning: _____

Afternoon: _____

Evening: _____

Total spent today: _____

Day 4: Discovering Discretionary Dollars

Scripture: Luke 16:10 - "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much."

Reflection: As you continue tracking your spending, you're likely discovering money that could be redirected toward giving. Small amounts add up to significant opportunities for generosity.

Challenge: Continue tracking spending. Look for one small expense you could eliminate this week.

Journal Space: What spending surprised me? What could I redirect toward giving?

Day 5: The Macedonian Example

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:2 - "For in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity."

Reflection: The Macedonian churches were poor but gave generously. Their secret? They understood that generosity flows from grace, not circumstances. Joy plus poverty equals generosity when grace is in the equation.

Challenge: Finish your 3-day spending tracking. Calculate how much you spent on non-essentials.

Journal Space: *How can I find joy in giving, regardless of my circumstances?*

Day 6: Heart Surrender

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:5 - "They gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us."

Reflection: The Macedonians' secret was giving themselves to the Lord first. Financial generosity flows naturally from heart surrender. Before we give our money, we must give our hearts.

Challenge: Pray this prayer: "Lord, I give You my time, talents, treasures, relationships, and future. Help me hold everything with open hands."

Journal Space: *What am I still holding back from God? What do I need to surrender?*

Day 7: Planning Together

Scripture: Proverbs 27:14 - "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed."

Reflection: If you're married, giving decisions should be made together. If you're single, consider finding an accountability partner. Generous giving is more joyful when done in community.

Challenge: Have a conversation with your spouse (or accountability partner) about your giving goals.

Discussion Notes:

Current giving: _____

Goals discussed: _____

Next steps: _____

Week 2: Planning and Commitment *Moving from Intention to Action*

Day 8: Prayerful Planning

Scripture: Proverbs 16:3 - "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."

Reflection: Grace-motivated giving isn't impulsive—it's intentional. Today you'll prayerfully decide what God is calling you to give. Remember, this is between you and God.

Challenge: Based on your spending analysis and prayer, decide on a specific weekly giving amount.

My Giving Plan:

Weekly amount: \$ _____

Monthly amount: \$ _____

How I'll make room for this: _____

Day 9: Setting Up Success

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 16:2 - "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper."

Reflection: Consistency in giving helps it become a priority rather than an afterthought. Setting up automatic giving removes the decision-making from the moment and makes generosity a planned priority.

Challenge: Set up automatic giving through your bank or church app.

Journal Space: *How does having a giving plan change how I think about my money?*

Day 10: Small Steps, Big Impact

Scripture: Zechariah 4:10 - "For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice."

Reflection: Don't despise small beginnings. The widow's two coins were small but significant. Your faithful \$5 might be more sacrificial than someone else's \$500. God looks at the heart, not the amount.

Challenge: Make your first planned gift this week, even if it's small.

Journal Space: *How did it feel to give according to my plan rather than impulse?*

Day 11: Finding Your Coffee Money

Scripture: Luke 14:28 - "For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost?"

Reflection: Most of us have more discretionary spending than we realize. Small sacrifices can create significant giving opportunities. It's not about depriving yourself—it's about redirecting resources for kingdom purposes.

Challenge: Identify one small expense you can eliminate weekly to increase your giving.

My "Coffee Money":

Expense to eliminate: _____

Weekly savings: \$ _____

How I'll redirect this:

Day 12: The Joy of Sacrifice

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

Reflection: The Greek word for "cheerful" is "hilaros"—hilarious! God loves hilarious giving. When we give from grace, even sacrifice becomes joyful because we're participating in God's work.

Challenge: Make the small sacrifice you identified yesterday and redirect that money to giving.

Journal Space: *What did I learn about joy and sacrifice today?*

Day 13: Building the Habit

Scripture: Galatians 6:9 - "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Reflection: Generous giving is a spiritual discipline that grows stronger with practice. Like any good habit, consistency matters more than perfection. Focus on faithfulness, not the amount.

Challenge: Give your planned amount again this week. Notice how it feels the second time.

Journal Space: *How is regular giving changing my heart and priorities?*

Day 14: Celebrating Progress

Scripture: Philippians 1:6 - "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

Reflection: Take time to celebrate the progress you've made. You've created a giving plan, made sacrifices, and begun practicing regular generosity. God is working in your heart!

Challenge: Thank God for how He's working in your heart regarding generosity.

===== Week 2 Reflections: =====

Biggest insight: _____

Greatest challenge: _____

How I've grown: _____

Week 3: Expanding Your Vision *Beyond Regular Giving*

Day 15: Researching Kingdom Work

Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20 - "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Reflection: Your regular giving supports your local church, but God's kingdom is global. Today, research a missions organization or local ministry that aligns with your heart for God's work.

Challenge: Spend 30 minutes researching one missions organization or local ministry.

Research Notes:

Organization: _____

Their mission: _____

How they align with my interests: _____

Day 16: Expanding Your Heart

Scripture: Acts 1:8 - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Reflection: God's heart is for the whole world. As your heart aligns with His, your giving vision will expand beyond your immediate community to include global kingdom work.

Challenge: Continue researching. Find one specific project or need you could support.

Journal Space: *How is God expanding my vision for giving beyond my local church?*

Day 17: Making Connection

Scripture: Romans 10:15 - "And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'"

Reflection: When you support missions and ministry, you become a sender. Your giving enables others to go where you cannot go and do what you cannot do. You become a partner in their ministry.

Challenge: Contact the organization you've been researching. Ask how you can pray for and support their work.

Contact Notes:

Person contacted: _____

How I can help: _____

Prayer requests: _____

Day 18: Special Opportunity Giving

Scripture: Galatians 6:10 - "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

Reflection: Beyond regular giving, God presents special opportunities to bless others. These might be crisis needs, special projects, or unexpected chances to make a kingdom impact.

Challenge: Look for one special giving opportunity this week—a family in need, a missions project, a community outreach.

Opportunity Identified:

Need/opportunity: _____

How I can help: _____

Amount I'll give: \$_____

Day 19: Sacrificial Love

Scripture: 1 John 3:17 - "But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?"

Reflection: Sometimes God calls us to sacrificial giving—giving that costs us something significant. This isn't about being foolish with money, but about demonstrating love through sacrifice.

Challenge: Make the special gift you identified yesterday.

Journal Space: *How did sacrificial giving feel different from regular giving?*

Day 20: The Ripple Effect

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:12 - "For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God."

Reflection: Your giving creates ripple effects you may never see. It supplies needs, creates thanksgiving, and advances God's kingdom in ways that multiply far beyond your initial gift.

Challenge: Pray for the people and ministries your giving supports. Ask God to multiply the impact.

Prayer List:

Local church ministries: _____

Missions supported: _____

Special gifts given: _____

Day 21: Expanding Generosity

Scripture: Luke 6:38 - "Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap."

Reflection: As you practice generous giving, you may find God expanding your capacity to give. This isn't a formula for getting rich—it's a principle of God's blessing on generous hearts.

Challenge: Ask God if He's calling you to increase your regular giving or take on additional giving commitments.

Week 3 Reflections:

How my vision has expanded: _____
New giving commitments: _____
What I've learned about sacrifice: _____

Week 4: Reflection and Growth *Celebrating Transformation*

Day 22: Attitude Assessment

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:12 - "For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have."

Reflection: After three weeks of intentional giving, how has your attitude changed? Do you give more joyfully? Do you see money differently? God cares more about your heart than your amount.

Challenge: Journal about how your attitude toward money and giving has changed.

Attitude Changes I've Noticed:

Before this journey: _____

Now: _____

Day 23: Heart Transformation

Scripture: Ezekiel 36:26 - "And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."

Reflection: Grace doesn't just change our actions—it transforms our hearts. As you've practiced generous giving, God has been working in your heart, making you more like Christ.

Challenge: Write a letter to God thanking Him for how He's changed your heart.

Dear God, _____

Day 24: Counting the Cost and Joy

Scripture: Philippians 4:19 - "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Reflection: Generous giving requires faith—trusting that God will provide as we give. Reflect on how God has provided during your giving journey. Has He been faithful?

Challenge: List ways God has provided or blessed you during this journey.

God's Provision:

Financial: _____

Emotional/spiritual: _____

Unexpected blessings: _____

Day 25: The Joy Factor

Scripture: Acts 20:35 - "In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Reflection: Jesus said it's more blessed to give than receive. Have you experienced this blessing? The joy of generous giving is one of God's gifts to generous hearts.

Challenge: Rate your joy level in giving now compared to 25 days ago (1-10 scale).

Joy Assessment:

25 days ago: _____ (1-10)

Today: _____ (1-10)

What changed: _____

Day 26: Future Vision

Scripture: Proverbs 11:25 - "Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered."

Reflection: Based on what you've learned, what does your future giving look like? How is God calling you to grow in generosity over the coming months and years?

Challenge: Write your giving goals for the next 6 months.

6-Month Giving Goals:

Regular giving goal: \$ _____

Special giving goals: _____

New areas to support: _____

Day 27: Evaluation and Adjustment

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 4:2 - "Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful."

Reflection: Take an honest look at your giving journey. What worked well? What was challenging? How can you adjust your approach to be more faithful and joyful?

Challenge: Evaluate your giving plan and make any needed adjustments.

Evaluation:

What worked well: _____

What was challenging: _____

Adjustments needed: _____

Day 28: Accountability and Community

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:12 - "And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

Reflection: Generous giving is more sustainable and joyful in community. Consider who can walk alongside you in continued growth in generosity.

Challenge: Identify someone who can be your giving accountability partner going forward.

Accountability Partner:

Name: _____

How they'll help: _____

When we'll check in: _____

Day 29: Testimony Preparation

Scripture: Psalm 107:2 - "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble."

Reflection: Your story of grace-transformed giving can encourage others. Prepare to share how God has worked in your heart through this journey.

Challenge: Write a brief testimony about your grace-giving journey.

My Grace-Giving Testimony:

Day 30: Sharing and Celebrating

Scripture: Luke 15:10 - "Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Reflection: Today marks the end of your 30-day journey, but it's really just the beginning. You've discovered that understanding grace transforms giving. Celebrate what God has done!

Challenge: Share your testimony with someone today about the joy of grace-motivated giving!

Week 4 - Final Reflections:

Biggest transformation: _____

Greatest joy: _____

Commitment going forward: _____

Moving Forward: Your Grace-Giving Life

Congratulations on completing your 30-day Grace-Giving Journey!

You've discovered that:

- Giving flows from gratitude, not guilt
- Small steps lead to significant transformation
- God provides for generous hearts
- Joy increases as generosity grows
- Grace transforms everything, including giving

Your Next Steps:

1. Continue your regular giving plan
2. Stay alert for special giving opportunities
3. Meet regularly with your accountability partner
4. Keep growing in your understanding of grace
5. Share your story to encourage others

Remember: This journey isn't about reaching a certain dollar amount—it's about allowing God's grace to continually transform your heart. Some will give \$5 a week, others \$500. What matters is that your giving flows from a heart captured by the grace of Jesus Christ. You've learned that generous hearts are blessed hearts, and that you truly cannot out-give God. Not because He's obligated to pay you back, but because when we give like Christ gave, we experience the joy that Christ experienced—the joy of blessing others and participating in God's eternal work.

Grace that gives. Grace that transforms. Grace that blesses. *May your giving continue to be an act of worship, an expression of love, and a testimony to the transforming power of God's grace in Christ Jesus.*