

Grace Guide



NOVEMBER 17-23

“God Loves A Cheerful Giver”

MONDAY
11/17

EXODUS 35:20-29
EXODUS 36:2-7

When Moses invited the people to bring offerings for the building of the tabernacle, the response was overwhelming. Everyone “whose heart was moved” gave freely and generously – so much that Moses had to tell them to stop bringing gifts because there was more than enough. This moment shows what happens when the people of God respond joyfully to God’s invitation rather than out of obligation. Giving becomes a natural outflow of love, gratitude, and shared purpose in God’s work. When our hearts are stirred by what God is doing, generosity overflows without restraint.

1. What usually motivates your giving – duty, gratitude, or joy? Why do you think that is?

2. When have you, like the people of Israel, felt your heart stirred to give or serve in a specific, generous way?

TUESDAY
11/18

MALACHI 3:1-10

Through the prophet Malachi, God rebukes the people for withholding tithes and offerings, calling it robbery against him. Yet, God also issues a remarkable, grace-filled invitation: “Test me in this,” promising to open the floodgates of heaven and pour out blessing. Giving becomes not just an act of obedience but a demonstration of trust in God’s provision. When we honor God first with our resources, we learn that we can never outgive the One who provides for us. God’s faithfulness is not proven by words alone, it is discovered through our trust-filled generosity.

1. God says, “Do not put the Lord to the test” (Deuteronomy 6:16) and yet, here, God says to test him. How are the circumstances here and in Deuteronomy 6:10-16 similar? What makes this specific circumstance in Malachi different?
2. How have you experienced God’s faithfulness in your life when you have given sacrificially?

WEDNESDAY
11/19

LUKE 12:13-34

Jesus warns against storing up earthly treasures and teaches us that life does not consist in the abundance of possessions. Instead, he calls his followers to seek God’s kingdom first, assuring us that our needs will be met. When our hearts are fixed on God rather than wealth or material gain, generosity flows naturally, and we store up treasure that can never be lost. Cheerful giving comes from knowing that our security and joy rest not in what we keep, but in whom we trust.

1. How are worry, materialism and generosity interconnected?
2. How does seeking God’s kingdom first affect your perspective on material things, and how does it affect your perspective on your relationships with other people?

THURSDAY
11/20

ROMANS 12:3-8

Paul reminds believers that all our abilities and resources come from God's grace. Each person has been entrusted with gifts that are meant to be used for the good of the body of Christ. Generosity is not limited to money, it includes giving of ourselves – our treasures, our time, and our talents – with joy and humility. When we recognize that everything we have is a trust from God, we give cheerfully, not to impress others, but to honor the Giver who has blessed us so richly.

1. How do you try to live into the reality that everything you have and are – all your time, treasures and talents – are a gift from God that you are to manage and use well?
2. How do you see all that God has entrusted to you as an expression of God's grace?

FRIDAY
11/21

PSALM 37:16-26

If you are able, read the entire psalm. This psalm of David contrasts the fleeting prosperity of the wicked with the enduring security of those who trust in God. He declares that “the righteous are generous and lend freely; their children will be a blessing.” This psalm reminds us that true abundance is not measured by wealth but by contentment, faithfulness, and a giving heart. God sustains those who walk in integrity and delights to bless those who use what they have to bless others.

1. How are these words about wealth and success in sharp contrast to the attitudes of the world about such things?
2. How does trusting in God's provision free you to live your life generously?

