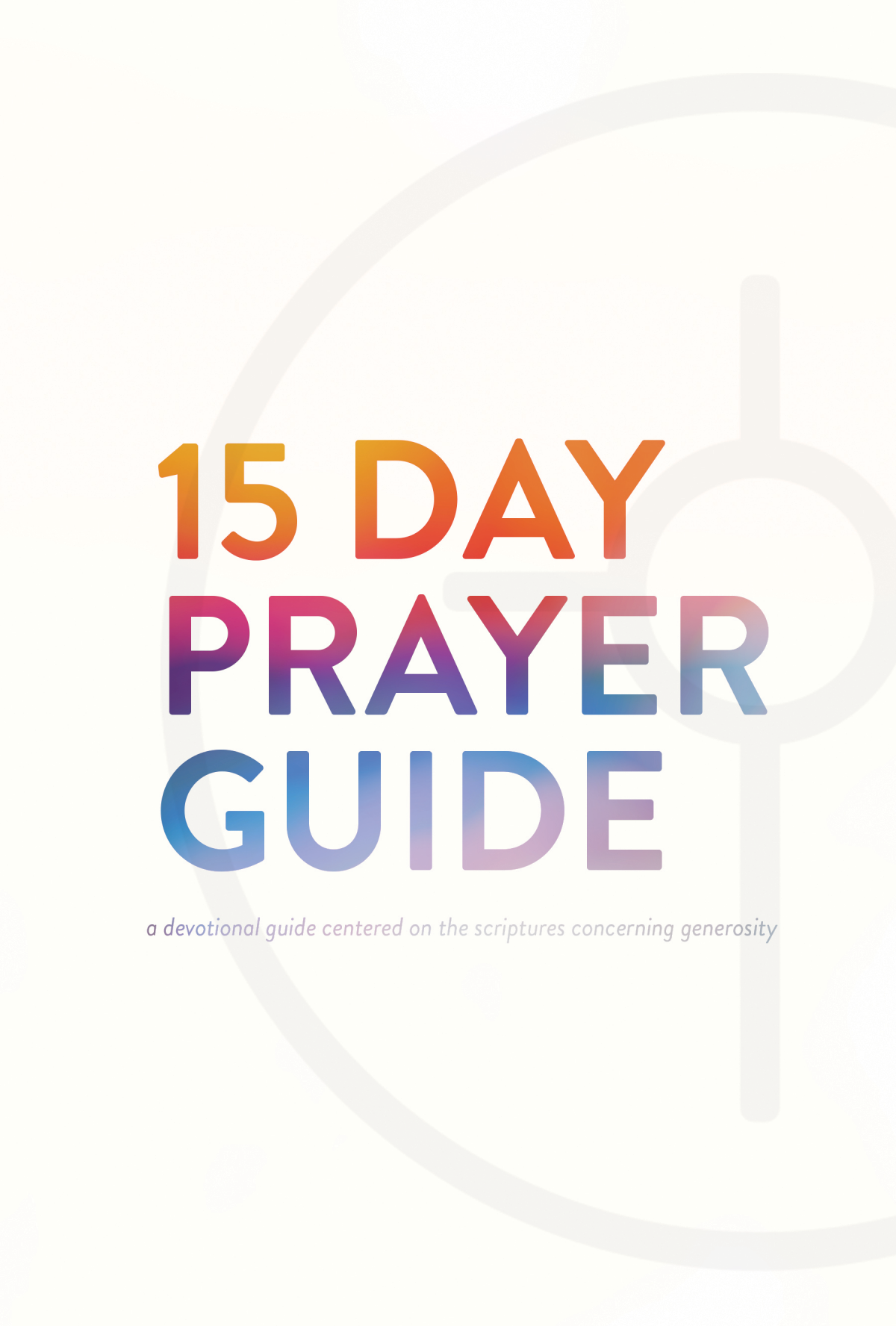




# 15 DAY PRAYER GUIDE

*a devotional guide centered on the scriptures concerning generosity*

Sixty years ago, nine families gathered together on a Sunday morning in the gymnasium of a local elementary school to worship, to pray, and to dream about how a new church might bring Jesus into their community. Sixty years later that school gymnasium is gone, the community has grown and changed dramatically, but that same gathering of people is still meeting every week just a mile away from where that school once was. Still worshiping, still praying and still dreaming about ways to bring Jesus into every relationship. Sixty years later, and we're still not done. There's still so many people to reach and so much more good to do.

Like me and every member of my family, you have a story of how God has used Faith to impact your relationship with Jesus. Our **Here for Good** campaign will ensure that Faith continues to be a church that embodies the tone and posture of Jesus in our community and in our world long into the future. I hope that you will prayerfully consider your participation in this significant and strategic kingdom endeavor.

The following is a 15 day prayer and devotional guide centered around the Scriptures concerning generosity and giving that have impacted me and my family the most in our lives. I hope they are meaningful to you as well.

Thank you and God bless you!

Pastor Joe

## Day 1: Blessed to Be a Blessing

Genesis 12:2–3; 2 Corinthians 9:11

*“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.  
I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you”*

*Genesis 12:2-3*

*“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous  
on every occasion, and through us your generosity  
will result in thanksgiving to God.”*

*2 Corinthians 9:11*

### Key Idea:

You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way.

### Devotional:

From the beginning, God blessed His people so that others would be blessed. The **Here for Good** campaign isn't about a bigger building; it's about a bigger reach—better facilities for people seeking Jesus and for kids learning about Jesus. More ways to serve our community. When God resources His people, it's not to raise our standard of living, but our standard of serving. As we pray for this project, we're aligning with a purpose older and grander than any capital plan:

God's desire to bless the world through His people.

**Prayer:**

Father, thank you for every good gift.

Expand our hearts before you expand our space.

Make us a conduit of blessing to our city.

Let this project multiply our Gospel impact, not our comfort.

Use me—my time, my talent, and my treasure—for your mission.

In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

**Action Step:**

Think of three ways this expansion could bless people far from God.

Which one is most exciting to you?

## Day 2: Count the Cost, Build in Faith

Proverbs 21:5; Luke 14:28–30

*“The plans of the diligent lead to profit  
as surely as haste leads to poverty.”*

*Proverbs 21:5*

*“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower.  
Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to  
see if you have enough money to complete it?  
For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it,  
everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying:  
‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’”*

*Luke 14:28-30*

### **Key Idea:**

Which of you, desiring to build...does not first sit down and count the cost?

### **Devotional:**

Jesus taught that wise builders plan.

Stewardship is spiritual—budgets and blueprints can be acts of worship when they serve people who Jesus loves.

Counting the cost isn’t fear; it’s faithfulness.

Planning gives generosity a pathway.

As we pray, ask God to guide our leaders with clarity and integrity so every dollar has a mission and every decision has accountability.

**Prayer:**

Lord, give our leaders wisdom to plan well,  
negotiate wisely, and steward transparently.

Guard us from shortcuts or pride.

Help us build what serves people best,  
not what impresses people most.

In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

**Reflection:**

1) How do planning and faith complement and not compete with each other in your life?

2) What does “faithful planning” look like in your household budget?

**Action Step:**

Review your monthly spending.

Identify one category you can trim to create margin for the **Here for Good** campaign.

### Day 3: First and Best

*Proverbs 3:9–10; Matthew 6:33*

*“Honor the Lord with your wealth,  
with the first-fruits of all your crops;  
then your barns will be filled to overflowing,  
and your vats will brim over with new wine.”*

*Proverbs 3:9-10*

*“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness,  
and all these things will be given to you as well.”*

*Matthew 6:33*

#### **Key Idea:**

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first-fruits of all you produce.

#### **Devotional:**

God doesn't ask for leftovers.

“First and best” is an attitude of the heart that says,  
“God is first in my heart and first in my finances.”

When a church embraces first-fruits giving, it points the whole community to a “God first, others second, and me third” way of living.

As we pray about this kingdom endeavor, invite God to reorder your priorities so financial generosity becomes a lifestyle and not simply a moment in time.

**Prayer:**

God, I want you first.

Teach me to honor You with my first and best.

Reorder my desires, simplify my life,

and free me from the fear of trying

to provide for myself apart from your provision.

In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

**Reflection:**

1) What does "first and best" mean for you this month?

2) Where might fear be keeping you from putting God first?

**Action Step:**

Set up or adjust a recurring gift (even a small one) as a first-fruits practice.

## Day 4: The Courageous Heart

Mark 12:41-44

*“Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury.*

*Many rich people threw in large amounts.*

*But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling His disciples to Him, Jesus said,*

*“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”*

Mark 12:41-44

### **Key Idea:**

Giving is always an act of trust and dependency.

### **Devotional:**

Prior to his arrest and crucifixion, in one of the last recorded interactions Jesus has with His disciples, we find a very short account that’s been talked about many times in the centuries since then. In fact, you might even think of this story as one of Jesus’s parables, but it’s not. It’s an account that actually happened, and Jesus offers a lesson based on what He saw in the moment.

The disciples had seen what Jesus saw that day:

Wealthy people bringing their large sums of money and this woman giving her coins.

The rich left that day still rich, not concerned about their daily needs.

But the widow gave in a way that left her trusting God would meet her needs. He was her hope.

The point Jesus was making wasn't that we should give away all our money. But the widow's offering reveals the fact that God sees what people overlook. He sees our heart when we give and the courage it takes to trust that He will provide.

This widow recognized that all she had was God's. She gave first and trusted God to provide. Her gift was the opposite of leftover giving. It was sacrificial giving. It was a gift directly connected to her faith in God.

Sacrificial giving is hard work, but it's also heart work. It's about asking God to change our hearts so we give from love, not obligation. That's when giving becomes a reflection of our faith.

**Prayer:**

Jesus, you see what others miss.

Grow my courage to trust you with what I have.

Receive my offering as worship,  
however small it looks to others.

In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

**Reflection:**

- 1) What "small" act of generosity would be big step for you right now?
  
- 2) Where do you need courage to give?

## Day 5: Sneaky

Luke 12:13-15

*“Someone in the crowd said to Him,  
“Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”  
Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me  
a judge or an arbiter between you.  
Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard  
against all kinds of greed; life does not consist  
in an abundance of possessions.”*

Luke 12:13-15

### Key Idea:

Life is never found in our stuff, but our stuff can take over our life.

### Devotional:

Back in that day, it was common for most of an inheritance to be passed down to the oldest brother. So maybe this guy had a legitimate reason to complain. Maybe he was thinking, “if you knew my older brother, you’d know he doesn’t deserve anything!” Or perhaps, “I don’t understand why my family won’t divide our inheritance evenly!”

But as He often did, Jesus took the opportunity to teach a lesson rather than grant a wish. He issued a warning—likely because He knew the man’s heart wasn’t focused on justice or fairness. It was focused on the same thing most everyone drifts toward... greed. The word “greed” in this passage comes from a Greek term which literally means “the desire for more.” And it’s not just about wealth, it’s about an insatiable hunger or appetite for something we think will make us complete, something we don’t have.

But Jesus modeled the way for us to follow. His way has nothing to do with how much we have, but on what we prioritize. It’s about having a life not marked by accumulation, but by generosity.

Greed is sneaky.

It's not just about stockpiling wealth. Greed can look like ambition or even security. At its core, greed whispers the lie that we don't have enough. It's rooted in fear—fear of running out of something, of losing control, of missing out, of having to depend on others, or not being enough.

But Jesus modeled the way for us to follow.

His way has nothing to do with how much we have, but on what we prioritize. It's about having a life not marked by accumulation, but by generosity.

**Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, remind me  
that true life isn't found in having more.  
Build contentment in me so that  
what I have may be a source of joy,  
not a path to always wanting more.  
In Jesus' name I pray, amen

## Day 6: More than Enough

Exodus 36:2-7

*“Then Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the Lord had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work. They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary.  
And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning.*

*So all the skilled workers who were doing all the work on the sanctuary left what they were doing and said to Moses,  
“The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done.”*

*Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp:  
“No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary.”*

*And so the people were restrained from bringing more, because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work.”*

Exodus 36:2-7

### Key Idea:

God doesn't ask us to give more than His people have, He has already provided more than enough.

### Devotional:

Exodus 36 is one of the most astonishing moments in Scripture. The artisans pause the project because generosity has surpassed need. Notice the ingredients of that miracle: God-stirred hearts, skilled leadership, a clear plan, and honest accounting.

In the **Here for Good** campaign we're praying for much more than simply for math to workout; we're praying for hearts to move. We're asking God to awaken joy, unify people, and align us around our vision of bringing Jesus into every relationship so completely that "enough" becomes "more than enough."

We believe that God still creates "more than enough" moments when hearts are moved, vision is clear, and the mission is urgent. Let's pray for an overflow of all of it!

**Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, move our church  
to willing, wholehearted generosity.  
Surprise us with "more than enough"  
for the work you've called us to.  
Unite us in vision and in joy.  
In Jesus name I pray, amen

**Reflection:**

- 1) When have you seen "more than enough" from God in your life?
- 2) What would "more than enough" look like for you in this season?

**Action Step:**

Have you asked God how He wants you to respond to the **Here for Good** campaign yet?

Pray and ask Him how you should participate.

## Day 7: Joyful and Cheerful

2 Corinthians 9:6–8

*“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,  
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.  
And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times,  
having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”*

2 Corinthians 9:6–8

### Key Idea:

God loves a cheerful giver, because God is also a cheerful giver.

### Devotional:

Paul insists that giving be free, willing, and cheerful.

Why?

Because grace changes everything. We don't give to get; we give because we've received. The more we rehearse the Gospel—the lavish, undeserved generosity of God—the more joy becomes part of our daily life. Cheerful doesn't mean naïve.

It means we do honest math and still choose joyful obedience because we believe God is able “to make all grace abound.”

Joy grows where gratitude is practiced, faithfulness is remembered, and impact is made visible.

In this season, resist two thieves of joy:  
comparison (“they have more, so they can give more”)  
and compulsion (“I have to”).

Replace them with celebration  
(“look at what God is doing through all of us”)  
and calling (“I get to be part of this”).

**Prayer:**

Jesus, replace pressure with joy.  
Let cheerful generosity mark our church.  
Multiply every gift for maximum impact  
and provide for every need.  
In Jesus’ name I pray, amen.

**Reflection:**

- 1) What kills your joy in giving? What grows it?
  
- 2) How does grace change your posture toward generosity?

**Action Step:**

Write a short note to someone on staff or a volunteer who has served you. Gratitude grows generosity.

## Day 8: Bold and Encouraging

Acts 4:32-37

*“All the believers were one in heart and mind.*

*No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.*

*And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.”*

Acts 4:32-37

### Key Idea:

Bold giving both provides for people in need and encourages those with extra.

### Devotional:

Acts gives us a picture into a community where open hearts produce open hands. Barnabas models it by selling a field to meet a need.

He wasn’t trying to make a statement; he was responding to the generosity that he experienced from God through Jesus.

His gift didn’t just fund ministry; it catalyzed encouragement. Barnabas’ nickname literally means “son of encouragement.”

Every church has “Barnabas moments”—people giving away assets not because they’re wealthy, but because they want to see the Kingdom of God impact the lives of people.

For some, it's stock, land, or a vehicle.

For others, it's an old collection, frequent-flier miles, or a skill they possess.

Imagine a church where needs rarely linger because love moves quickly.

Supporting the **Here for Good** campaign is a way that Barnabas-like believers ask:

"What's in my hand and how could it meet a need in God's Kingdom?"

**Prayer:**

Holy Spirit, create a Barnabas spirit in our church.

Make us quick to see needs and quick to act.

Let a radical desire to bring Jesus into every relationship  
fuel radical generosity in me, and among our church.

In Jesus' name, amen.

**Action Step:**

Identify one possession that you no longer use that you can sell or share to bless someone or support the **Here for Good** campaign.

## Day 9: Managers not Owners

*Psalm 24:1, 1 Chronicles 29:14, 1 Corinthians 4:2*

*“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world,  
and all who live in it; for He founded it on the seas  
and established it on the waters.”*

*Psalm 24:1*

*“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should  
be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you,  
and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”*

*1 Chronicles 29:14*

*“It is required that those who have been given  
a trust must be found faithful.”*

*1 Corinthians 4:2*

### **Key Idea:**

Generosity is a reminder that everything originates from God.

### **Devotional:**

More than a thousand years ago, King David declared who really owns everything. When King David ruled the nation of Israel, he acknowledged that even though he was king, God is the one who owns everything. Every created thing, every person, is ultimately under God’s ownership. We just have the privilege and responsibility of taking care of what God has entrusted to us while we’re here. We should view all of our resources as something we temporarily have the opportunity to take care of.

Which leads to the question:

Who do you believe really owns everything under your control?

Do you spend, budget, save, or give as if you or God is the real owner? As we see throughout the Scriptures, the Bible has a lot to say about how we handle our money. God doesn't want our money or our stuff. He already owns it all. He wants something much more important than that, our hearts.

Taking the time to pause and consider who we believe owns it all is one indicator of what or who has our heart.

**Prayer:**

Lord, I release my grip.

All I have is yours.

Teach me to manage your resources with  
humility, wisdom, and faith.

In Jesus' name, amen.

**Reflection:**

1) Where do you feel most like an owner?

2) How would a steward respond differently this week?

**Action Step:**

List your top five resources (time, skills, relationships, assets, etc).

Pray over each: "Yours, Lord. How do you want me to use this?"

## Day 10: Generosity fuels Mission

*Philippians 4:15–19*

*“Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need.*

*Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent.*

*They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.”*

*Philippians 4:15-19*

### **Key Idea:**

My God will supply every need in Christ Jesus.

### **Devotional:**

Paul thanks the Philippians for partnering financially and calls their gifts “a fragrant offering.” He also notes that fruit is “increasing to your account” —not because God keeps score the way we do, but because generosity ties our lives to what lasts.

When we give, we aren’t just funding square footage; we’re fueling stories. And God promises to supply what His mission requires.

Our confidence isn’t in the economy or our ingenuity but in His provision and purpose.

**Prayer:**

God, supply every need for this mission.

Use our gifts to open hearts, restore families, and send hope.

Let our partnership please you and bless many.

In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

**Reflection:**

1) Who is on the other side of your generosity? (Parent, child, grandparent, co-worker, neighbor, friend)

Picture them.

2) What story do you want someone to be able to tell because of your generosity?

**Action Step:**

Write a short "why I give" statement.

Keep it where you pay bills or check your budget.

## Day 11: Open Handed Living

Proverbs 11:24-25

*“One person gives freely, yet gains even more;  
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.*

*A generous person will prosper;  
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”*

Proverbs 11:24-25

### Key Idea:

Whoever brings a blessing will be blessed.

### Devotional:

Solomon observes that some scatter and yet increase, while others withhold and come to poverty.

God’s economy isn’t a vending machine; it’s a garden.

In a garden, hoarding seed looks wise in the short term, but foolish in the long term. Sowing looks risky, yet it’s the only path to harvest.

Open-handed living doesn’t deny limits; it trusts God within them.

We give from wisdom, not apart from it.

We make plans and hold them loosely.

Over time, open hands shape open hearts—less anxious, more available.  
And open hearts notice opportunities others miss.

The **Here for Good** campaign is an invitation to test the soil of our hearts again, to practice generosity and look for those “refresh-someone moments” and watch how God refreshes you in ways that money can’t measure.

**Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, loosen my grip.

Make me a well that refreshes others.

As I pour out, pour in—so I can pour out again.

In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

**Reflection:**

- 1) Where are you tempted to try and hold on and control?
  
- 2) What would open-handedness look like in that situation?

**Action Step:**

Bless a neighbor or coworker anonymously today.

## Day 12: Treasure That Lasts

Matthew 6:19-21

*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.*

*But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

Matthew 6:19-21

### Key Idea:

Your heart is where your treasure is and your treasure is where your heart is. You can't disconnect them, but you can allow one to influence the other.

### Devotional:

You may have heard the quote from Thomas Edison, “Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.” What you may not know is that he said it more than once. Edison is known to have said that (or something like that) several times throughout his life, highlighting that being inspired, or having an idea, is only the starting point. It takes work. It takes practice.

Ask any successful business person, athlete, teacher, or anyone else who has maximized their potential and they'll say the same thing. Ability and goals will only get you so far.

Real progress happens when you hit the gym, the lab, or the classroom. We improve exponentially when we don't just want to be better at something, but when we make a plan and actually do it.

When it comes to generosity, the same is true. Most of us want to be generous. We've got the inspiration, but sometimes we lack the necessary perspiration to actually work out and implement a plan to be generous.

Generous people have a plan. Meaning, you decide where to give ahead of time. When Jesus followers practice this type of generosity, they're seeking first a kingdom other than their own.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus talked about this very idea. Matthew tells us that Jesus addressed the crowd, saying that when it comes to our earthly possessions, it's a bad idea to get too attached to them. One day all that stuff will deteriorate anyway. Instead, Jesus said to focus on using everything we've been given to have a lasting impact—storing up treasures in heaven.

When we see everything we have as a way to impact not only this life, but the one beyond and when we look to have real impact with our possessions, something major happens to us. Over time, this perspective will shape our hearts. Generosity always changes us.

**Prayer:**

Jesus, aim my heart by aiming my treasure.

Redirect my desires toward Your Kingdom and away from me.

In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

**Reflection:**

1) What do your recent bank transactions say about your treasure and your heart?

2) What shift would you like to make for your heart to take towards Jesus' kingdom?

**Action Step:**

Choose one recurring expense to reduce, and redirect the difference to the **Here for Good** campaign.

When you aim your treasure, you aim your heart.

## Day 13: Build the House, Bless the City

*Haggai 1:6–8; 2:9*

*“You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.*

*This is what the Lord Almighty says:*

*‘Give careful thought to your ways. Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,’ says the Lord.”*

*Haggai 1:7-8*

*“The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the Lord Almighty”*

*Haggai 2:9*

### **Key Idea:**

Labor without alignment leads to futility.

### **Devotional:**

Haggai confronts a community busy upgrading personal spaces while God’s house sits unfinished. His call isn’t about architecture; it’s about allegiance. God invites His people to reorder priorities so that His presence and mission regain first place. Today, “building the house” looks like creating spaces where the presence of God is encountered and the people of God are equipped. Beautiful, functional space can be an act of hospitality—announcing to our neighbors, “You are welcome. We prepared a place for you.”

As we work with city officials and neighbors, let’s embody the character of “the One for whom we build” by being patient, kind, truthful, and peace-seeking.

May the finished space preach before a word is spoken.

**Prayer:**

Lord, we build for your glory and our neighbors' good.

Make this property a lighthouse for our community.

Let its peace and presence point people to you.

In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

**Reflection:**

1) Where have "paneled houses" distracted you from kingdom priorities?

2) What would it look like to put God's house first?

## Day 14: The Illusion of Security

Matthew 7:24-27

*“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

*The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.*

*But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.*

*The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”*

Matthew 7:24-27

### Key Idea:

Every person faces storms in this life. Those who build their lives on the teachings of Jesus weather the storms.

### Devotional:

When it comes to money, most of us have one or more numbers in mind that we think will bring us a sense of security:

How much we want in the bank before we retire.

How much we need to buy a house.

How much our salary should be before accepting a position.

How much we need to have saved, just in case.

And those numbers come after a lot of thought. Those numbers are important. They're good things to make plans toward. But if we're not careful, we can attach too much security to those numbers. We can easily think, “once I have a certain amount of money, I'll feel at ease. I'll feel safe. I'll have peace of mind.”

But if peace is what we're really after, financial stability is not the ultimate key to finding it. In fact, Jesus taught that anything other than a foundation built on God is destined for failure.

In Matthew 7:24–27, Jesus tells a parable about two builders. In the passage, Jesus describes a wise builder who constructs his house on rock and a foolish builder who constructs his house on sand. When storms came, only one house stood—the one with the strong foundation.

With regards to our finances, the problem isn't that we make plans or monitor our bank accounts—it's that we can mistake our bottom line for an unshakable foundation. If our security is built on savings, a paycheck, or the economy, we are standing on sand. The storms of life will come—and when they do, our true foundation will be revealed.

Our Heavenly Father invites us to something better; a security that isn't dependent on money but on Him. A life built on trust in God's provision, which might not always look like what we were hoping for.

So, the question is:

Where is our security really found?

Is it in a number?

Or are we building our lives on the firm foundation of God's faithfulness?

**Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, remind me that my security is in you, not my savings.  
Help me be wise with money by remembering  
that You are my ultimate foundation.  
In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

**Reflection:**

1) Foundations are formed by habits, not intentions.

Pick one teaching of Jesus to practice this week.

2) Consuming more content instead of practicing what you know is a sand trap. Don't look for more instruction from Jesus, without practicing what you already know of His teaching.

## **Day 15: Dedicate and Celebrate**

*1 Chronicles 29:10–14; Psalm 126:3*

*“David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.*

*Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things.  
In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.  
Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name.*

*But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be  
able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You,  
and we have given You only what comes from Your hand.”*

*1 Chronicles 29:10-14*

*“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.”*

*Psalm 126:3*

### **Key Idea:**

All things come from You, and of Your own have we given to You.

### **Devotional:**

David’s prayer in 1 Chronicles 29 reframes giving as returning:

*“Of your own have we given You.”*

The people rejoiced because they recognized two things: God provided the resources, and God provided the willing hearts. That combination, provision and willingness, still fuels kingdom projects.

Celebration is not a victory lap; it's a spiritual discipline that guards us from pride and forgetfulness.

We pause to name God's faithfulness, and we keep our eyes on the true temple Jesus is building, a people where God dwells by his Spirit.

As this 15 day journey culminates, imagine Faith Troy 60 years from now. Faces you don't yet know, many not even born yet, will find a seat. Children will learn Jesus' name. Someone will begin recovery. A couple will find hope. That's why we prayed, planned, gave, and built—so more people can experience a relationship with Jesus.

**Prayer:**

Father, everything we have came from You.

We dedicate this campaign and our part in it to Your glory.

Fill this house with Your presence and our city with Your praise.

In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

**Reflection:**

1) What answered prayer have you seen in these 15 days?

2) How will you keep generosity in motion beyond this season?

**Action Step:**

Share one story from this journey with your small group or family. Thank God together and pray for someone to come into a relationship with Jesus in our church.

*“But since you excel in everything:  
in faith, in speech, in knowledge,  
in complete earnestness and in love,  
see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”*

*2 Corinthians 8:7*

Generosity is a type of grace we give; it’s something we grow in, something we develop. And when we do, we don’t just meet needs, we create a ripple effect of generosity that inspires others to be generous as well.

With that, our 15 day journey comes to a close. We started by remembering that from the beginning God has blessed His people, in order to bless the world.

Inside this booklet you’ll find a Giving Calculator Worksheet that you can use to prayerfully ask God how He would have you participate in the **Here for Good** campaign.

Here is what I would ask you to consider:

1. If you currently support the church financially, consider what you can give above and beyond to **Here for Good** for the next three years.
2. If you aren’t currently supporting the church financially on a regular basis, join us by committing to give a specific dollar amount to **Here for Good** for the next three years.
3. Bring your completed Giving Commitment Card to worship with you on Sunday, December 14, as we celebrate sixty years of God’s faithfulness in bringing Jesus into every relationship!