



Nuggets of Treasure

Give



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The Father God so loved us that He gave His only Son that we might have everlasting life. What a priceless gift. Jesus laid down His life that we could be reconciled and have intimate fellowship with the Father God, Himself and the Holy Spirit. His life was a very costly gift. The characteristic of the Lord is a heart of giving. When someone loves someone they love to give. Parents love to give to their children. Spouses love to give to each other. A dating couple love to give to each other.

The Word tells us that we are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with soul and mind. We are to love God with everything and that means our possessions, and finances. We need to realize that the possessions and finances we have come from the Lord. No matter what our possessions or finances we need to depend on the Lord. He gives us the ability to obtain wealth. What is wealth? Wealth is usually the abundance of money, or material goods. It can also mean we are rich in friends, family and moral qualities. Deuteronomy 8:18 "You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth..." Luke tells that life is not just about having possessions. Luke 12:15 "And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard

against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." The Lord does not want us to crave and desire things. Instead, we are to seek the Lord and His righteousness all that is needed will be given to us. We need to remember the Lord for all His blessings by giving Him praise! We are never to become proud in our abundance because it all comes from the Lord.

II Corinthians 9:6-7 (AMP) "[Remember] this: he who sows sparingly and grudgingly will also reap sparingly and grudgingly, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to someone] will also reap generously and with blessings. Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, "prompt to do it") giver [whose heart is in his giving]." The Lord does not want us to be greedy. A greedy person is stingy and only concerned about themselves. A greedy person does not trust the Lord. The way of the Spirit is to be generous. We sow generously because we love the Lord with

all our being. We sow generously because we trust the Lord and we know He will take care of us. The size of the harvest parallels with the scope of sowing. A person may enjoy all their grain by eating it, or they may "give" some of it by sowing it and later reaping a bountiful harvest." Do we spend all that we receive thinking we will not have enough or do we give some believing we receive a harvest. Paul illustrates the benefits of generosity in these verses. If we plant a garden we cannot expect a big harvest of crops if we only plant a few seeds. Proverbs 11:24 "One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want." What it is saying is that stingy people end up losing what they try to keep. We can find most often that greedy people always have need; they never have enough. Are we unwilling to give because we do not think we are able? We must decide from our heart that we willingly give and place our life in the Lord's hands. When we do, we are saying we trust the Lord to provide, that He is more than enough.

We should give because the Lord God loves a joyful willing giver. He loves a giving heart. Even though the Israelites wavered in their relationship with

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Upcoming Events 2019

December 1 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniversaries

December TBA Christmas Dinner

December 24 Christmas Eve

December 25 Christmas

Merry Christmas



December 31 New Year's Eve

January 1, 2020 New Year's Day



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"Let God's promises shine on your problems." –Corrie ten Boom

"Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter." – Francis Chan

"Always, everywhere God is present, and always He seeks to discover Himself to each one" – A.W.Tozer

"If God is your partner, make your plans BIG!" –D.L. Moody

"When you realize that God loves you and that He has a plan for your life, you can walk with your head held high—totally confident in who He created you to be." – Joyce Meyer

"There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind. " – C.S. Lewis

" God has given you an anointed future with unlimited potential. Get happy about it. "– John Hagee

Birthday Blessings

12/12 John Westing

12/24 Joe McHenry



Our Helping Hands Show A Loving Heart

Get involved, find a place to help. We all have something to give. We need greeters, ushers, maintenance, socials, visitations, children, youth, food center, music, socials, driving etc.

VOLUNTEER



Oasis Food Center Update

November 2019 (as of 11/14/19)

Lunches: 244
Families: 690
New Families: 52
Total People: 2,578

Year to Date 2019 (as of 11/14/19)

Lunches: 5,223
Families: 14,497
New Families: 1,044
Total People: 51,685

Year to Date 2018

Lunches: 5,167
Families: 16,828
New Families: 1,497
Total People: 61,637



A Savior is Born!

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Bring Your Friends and Join
the Fun at Church!

Sunday Morning
10:30 am





RECIPE CORNER

Holiday Monster Cookies

Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs plus 2 egg yolks
- 2 cups mixed red and green candy-coated chocolates, such as M and M's
- 2 cups rolled oats
- 2 cups roughly chopped pretzel rods
- 1 1/3 cups chopped peppermint puffs
- 1 1/3 cups white chocolate chips



Directions

Position oven racks in the top and bottom thirds of the oven and preheat to 350 degrees F.

Whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a bowl until evenly combined. Combine the butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar in a large bowl and beat with an electric mixer on medium-high speed until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Beat in the vanilla, then add the eggs and yolks 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Add the flour mixture and beat on low until the dough just comes together. Add the chocolate candies, oats, pretzels, peppermint puffs and white chocolate chips and stir with a large spoon until evenly mixed.

Scoop eight 1/3-cup portions of dough, roll into balls and divide between 2 baking sheets, spacing the cookies evenly apart. Press the dough balls into thick disks with the palm of your hand. Bake, rotating the baking sheets top to bottom and front to back halfway through, until the cookies are golden brown at the edges and barely brown in the very middle, 18 to 20 minutes. Cool the cookies on the baking sheets for 1 minute, then transfer them to a wire rack to cool completely. Repeat with the remaining dough.

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the Lord when they built the temple they had to tell the people to stop giving because they kept giving and giving and there was more than enough.

What are some guidelines for giving? Each individual must decide the amount he or she gives. If married, we need to come to an agreement. We have an agreement whatever the Lord tells the other person to give we will agree without question. Once we were in a meeting and the Lord told me we need to give \$400.00 Pastor Royce said "obey God." The problem was we were going to be too short to pay all of our bills. But we were obedient to the prompting of the Spirit and gave. When we returned home, we paid all our bills and we were not short at all, that was God. We also would save all our extra money birthday gifts etc., so that we could give more than our regular giving. Our giving should come from the heart. What are some of the effects of giving? The Lord God will meet our need. Our giving will meet the needs of others. The more intimate our relationship is with the Lord the more we will desire to give and give. We can never out give the Lord.



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Little children imitate parents or others whether positive or negative behavior. Imitate means “to act like.” Children love to play house with moms and dads, babies etc. They might play school with one being the teacher and the others students. My oldest grandson would play cross-country racing events. He would set up a course with cones and ropes. I would have to be the runner. He was imitating his father, who coaches cross-country. We use to have two little girls in our church that played church. One would get up and preach and one would sit in the audience. They would take turns singing and preaching. These are all positive imitation but I have seen children who imitate their father smoking etc.

Ephesians 5:1–4 (NLT) “Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God’s people. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. “ We are to be an imitator of the Lord God because we are His children. We are to be like Him in all that we do. We are to emulate Him. Luke states the Lord is merciful and therefore

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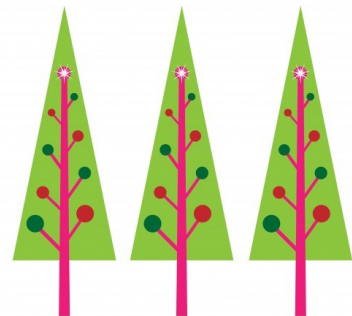
we should be merciful. We should be compassionate, tenderhearted, generous and forgiving. In verse two of Ephesians it states that we are to walk in love because God is a God of love. Just as children follow their parents examples we are to follow the example of the Lord God. We should constantly order our behavior within the scope of His love. This is possible as we yield to the Holy Spirit and His grace (His enabling ability). Love needs to become the deciding factor in our choices. Love should be motivating factor in our actions. When this is the case then we will walk in love by the enabling of the Holy Spirit. Do we ask ourselves is this how the Lord would act? Do we ask ourselves is this what the Lord would say?

As we rely on the Holy Spirit’s leading, we will live according to I Corinthians 13. The Holy Spirit will give us His enabling ability. We will walk in the fruit of Spirit. We will be patient and kind. When we are kind, we do good to people, we are helpful. We will be generous. We will not be boastful, proud or jealous of others. We will not be rude or offensive. We will not demand our own way. We will not be irritable. We will not keep a record of the wrong things others do to us. We will not cheer at injustices but celebrate when truth triumphs. We will never give up


because love does not give up. We will never lose faith. We will always have hope. We will endure through every circumstance.

If we are to imitate God in love, what does love do? Love denies self. Love is willing to give -up self-interest. What does give oneself up mean? It means to follow, to obey, to live in relationship with the Lord.

Ephesians 4:32 “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” It is emphasized over and over that we are to be imitators of God. The Lord God should be our standard for living. We should put aside our past behavior before Christ and instead by the Spirit display a way of life in keeping with our new nature in Christ. Be imitators of the Father God.



DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Celebrate Monthly Birthdays & Anniversaries 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30 pm Music Practice 7pm Evening Service	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30 pm Music Practice 7pm Evening Service	9	10	11 Feed the Needy 12 pm - 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	12 Feed the Needy 4 pm - 6 pm	13	14
15 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth Christmas Dinner	16	17	18 Feed the Needy 12 pm - 2:00 pm 7pm Bible Study	19 Feed the Needy 4 pm - 6 pm	20	21
22 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30 pm Music Practice 7pm Evening Service	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas 	26 Feed the Needy 4 pm - 6 pm	27	28
29 10:30am MW/ Children/Youth 6:30 pm Music Practice 7pm Evening Service	30	31 New Year's Eve			29	30