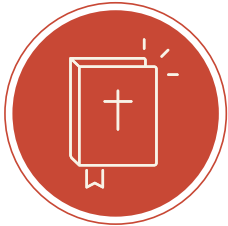


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SIT WITH THE WORD . HEBREWS 13:5,16

Verse 5 “Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” **Verse 16** “And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. *NIV*



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS . NOVEMBER

Class on Frugality and Generosity

November 10th | After Worship | Auditorium

Foxtail Garden Evening Workdays

Mondays | 5-7:00 p.m. | Foxtail Community Garden

Oasis Party at the Rogers

November 15th | Dale & Deana's Home

All Church Thanksgiving Meal with IHelp

November 16th | 12:00 p.m. | Auditorium

Sign up today at the welcome tables to bring a portion of our meal or help with set up and clean up at our annual Thanksgiving Meal! This meal is special because we invite our friends from IHelp to join us.

Community Clothing Swap

November 22nd | 3 - 6:00 a.m. | The Oasis

Love to share, practice sustainability, and get a fresh look? Have women's clothing you're ready to pass on? Participate in the Community Clothing Swap on Friday, November 22nd from 3-6pm in The Oasis. Bring your gently used clothes that you are ready to trade out, and look for something new to you! Please bring your clothes washed and ready to be worn by another member of our community. If you are able to, please drop off your clothes to the Oasis November 17-21 so we can do some pre-sorting and setup. No worries if you need to bring your clothes with you on November 22 though! For our inaugural event, we will only be swapping women's clothing.

Oasis Friendsgiving

November 20th | 7:00 p.m. | The Oasis

Coffee, Crafts, & Conversation

November 23rd 1-3:00 p.m. | Steve's Espresso

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SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

FRUGALITY

Frugality is “the inward reality of single-hearted focus upon God and his kingdom, which results in an outward lifestyle of modesty, openness, and unpretentiousness and which disciplines our hunger for status, glamour, and luxury.” The Life with God Bible

Frugality and Simplicity are interconnected spiritual practices but frugality differs in that it emphasizes our use of our finances and physical resources. Frugality encourages simplicity because it adjusts on our heart's intentions and motivations before we indulge in excess and make attachments to physical items or experiences. Frugality invites us to ask if we need something in order to thrive as a child of God and neighbor to others. Frugality invites us to consider how our use of our resources impacts creation, creatures, and our fellow humans.

According to Dallas Willard and Richard Foster, Frugality curbs excess consumption and makes space for us to focus on what matters most – our life with God. It is an exercise in freedom from the burdens of material or experiential attachments and allows us to find joy and contentment. Foster adds that frugality can nurture a spirit of generosity, as resources saved can be shared with others. Willard and Foster present frugality not as deprivation but as a meaningful path to liberation, gratitude, and abundance.

“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

Hebrews 13:5

GENEROSITY

Richard Foster describes generosity as a “tremendous stimulant to the life of faith.”

Generosity is the spiritual practice of giving our possessions, our physical resources, our abilities and skills, our attention, and our time to care for others and respond to their needs. Generosity is a joyful response to God's abundance and care for us. All gifts are from God and intended to be used to fulfill God's beautiful work in the world around us. Authentic generosity isn't just about the outward act of giving but about nurturing an inner disposition of dependence on God and love for others.

Richard Foster continues “When we give money we are releasing a little more of our egocentric selves and a little more of our false security. Giving frees us from the tyranny of money. But we do not just give money; we give the things money has purchased. In Acts the early Christian community gave houses and land to provide funds for those in need (Acts 4:32 – 37). Have you ever considered selling a car or a stamp collection to help finance someone's education?

Money has also given us the time and leisure to acquire skills. What about giving those skills away? Doctors, dentists, lawyers, computer experts, and many others can give their skills for the good of the community.

Giving frees us to care. It produces an air of expectancy as we anticipate what God will lead us to give. It makes life with God an adventure of discovery. We are being used to help make a difference in the world, and that is worth living for and giving for.”

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

Hebrews 13:16