



# Setting Up A Pillar Of Service

Genesis 28: 18 & Revelation 3: 12

## *A 40 Day Family Devotional & Prayer Guide*

*This 40-day guide is provided for your participation in helping Lake Harbour Drive maintain a spiritual focus during our Capital Stewardship Campaign in our faith journey to  
“Set Up a Pillar of Service.”*

**“We’re all in this together!”**

## ***From Your elders...***

When we consider God's gracious generosity towards our church family, we can't help but be thankful for each of you! In the thirty years this congregation has been in existence, the members have repeatedly demonstrated their wholehearted willingness to serve God and to unselfishly serve one another and others. As God's servants, we have been truly blessed beyond measure!

The past personal sacrifices of faithful brethren have provided us with a work center and a worship place for service, but with the present growth of the congregation and future potential, we are being challenged to expand our physical plant so that we can go forward in the future ***“Setting Up a Pillar of Service.”*** As your elders, we have fervently prayed about this vital need for advancing the church and carefully weighed the advantages and disadvantages of proceeding, and we are convinced that it is God's will that we act now. We believe that we must let ***“our Father's business”*** be controlled by our Lord's command, ***“Go preach the Gospel to every creature,”*** and not the country's economic conditions.

***In our Capital Stewardship Campaign, in order to keep our spiritual purpose of service, we are calling on every family to join together in 40-days of prayer.*** This Devotional and Prayer Guide will aid our participation. We encourage you to find time with your family each day to read the Scriptures, meditate on the truths, share your thoughts, and engage in prayer. We encourage you to evaluate your giving potential, reassess your lifestyle and consider ways in which you can give generously over and beyond what you already give weekly for the next three years to support our mission and ministry.

Thank each of you for allowing us to serve as your spiritual overseers.

## ***From the Spiritual Awareness Team...***

It is always an appropriate time for prayer. We are commanded to “***pray without ceasing.***” Faced with a tremendous challenge to raise additional funds that are needed to expand and improve our facilities, the urgency for continued, passionate prayer is greater now than ever! We are at a high water mark in our ministry as a congregation. It is one of the most exciting times in our faith journey. We have never had a greater opportunity for reaching multitudes of souls with the gospel, both locally and overseas, like we have now. This congregation is loaded with dedicated servants of Christ. We are committed to a common mission of “***Making an Impact.***” We are united in cooperation with each other to “***love God, stand firm and reach out.***” With God’s help, we can do exceedingly and abundantly above all that we can imagine in “***Setting Up a Pillar of Service.***”

As the Spiritual Awareness Committee of our Capital Stewardship Campaign, we are inviting every member over the next 40 days to use this Devotional and Prayer Guide to keep us focused on our spiritual purpose in order to help insure our success. We have divided the prayer emphasis and scripture\* guides into seven areas that will focus on your ***faith, family, blessings, commitment, service, outreach and giving.***

***When you receive this booklet, we will begin our 40 Days of Prayer on the following Tuesday, April 7, and continue until Saturday, May 16, the day before our Commitment Sunday, May 17.***

***\*All Bible references are from the Revised Standard Version.***

# Day 1—April 7

## *FOCUS ON YOUR FAITH*

*Faith in God is the foundation of Christianity.*

**Hebrews 11:1, 6**—“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen...And without faith it is impossible to please him. For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

**Proverbs 3:5-6**—“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

**Genesis 1:1-2, 26-27**—“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters...Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

**John 14:1-3**—“Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”

**John 8:23-24**—“He said to them, ‘You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he.’”

*Pray that God will help you to be a pillar of faith, having a more confident and convicting trust in the present and personal reality of God, his Son, and the Holy Spirit as One God and Creator of heaven and earth and all that is therein.*

## *Day 2—April 8*

### ***FOCUS ON YOUR FAITH***

***Faith in God recognizes that He is the owner of everything, including all that you currently have or ever will have.***

***Psalms 50:10-12***—(God says) “For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world and all that is in it is mine.”

***Haggai 2:8***— “The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts.”

***1 Chronicles 29:11-12***— “Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from thee, and thou rulest over all. In thy hand are power and might; and in thy hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.”

***Leviticus 25:23***—(God says) “The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; for you are strangers and sojourners with me.”

***1 Chronicles 29:14-16***—(David’s prayer after people gave generously to a building project) “But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from thee, and of thy own have we given thee. For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers were; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building thee a house for thy holy name comes from thy hand and is all thy own.”

***Pray for recognition that since we belong to Christ, we will realize that everything we have truly belongs to Him, and when we give to God, we are just taking our hands off what already belongs to Him.***

# *Day 3—April 9*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR FAITH*

*God is the provider of every good thing in our lives.*

*James 1:17*—“Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”

*Ephesians 1:3-4*—“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, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.”

*Matthew 7:11-12*—“If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.”

*Proverbs 8:18-22 (God says)* “Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and prosperity. My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice, endowing with wealth those who love me, and filling their treasuries. The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.”

*2 Chronicles 1:11-12*—“God answered Solomon, ‘Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked possessions, wealth, honor, or the life of those who hate you, and have not even asked long life, but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself that you may rule my people over whom I have made you king, wisdom and knowledge are granted to you. I will also give you riches, possessions, and honor, such as none of the kings had who were before you and none after you shall have the like.’”

*Isaiah 26:12*—“O Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us, thou hast wrought for us all our works.”

*Offer a prayer of thanksgiving for all the many provisions  
God has bountifully bestowed on you.*

# *Day 4—April 10*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR FAITH*

*We are to be faithful trustees, managers or stewards of 100% of what God entrusts to us during our lifetime.*

*1 Corinthians 4:1-2*—“This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.”

*Luke 19:12-27*—“He said therefore, ‘A nobleman went into a far country to receive a kingdom and then return. Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten pounds, and said to them, ‘Trade with these till I come.’ But his citizens hated him and sent an embassy after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’ When he returned, having received the kingdom, he commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by trading. The first came before him, saying, ‘Lord, your pound has made ten pounds more.’ And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.’ And the second came, saying, ‘Lord, your pound has made five pounds.’ And he said to him, ‘And you are to be over five cities.’ Then another came, saying, ‘Lord, here is your pound, which I kept laid away in a napkin; for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man; you take up what you did not lay down, and reap what you did not sow.’ He said to him, ‘I will condemn you out of your own mouth, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking up what I did not lay down and reaping what I did not sow? Why then did you not put my money into the bank, and at my coming I should have collected it with interest?’ And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the pound from him, and give it to him who has the ten pounds.’ (And they said to him, ‘Lord, he has ten pounds!’) ‘I tell you, that to every one who has will more be given; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.’”

*Pray for the Lord to give you the faith to go through three conversions: The conversion of your head, heart and pocketbook.*

# *Day 5—April 11*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR FAITH*

*We must not be prideful about anything God has entrusted to us.*

*Deuteronomy 8:17-18*—“Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth.”

*Psalms 62:10*—“Put no confidence in extortion, set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.”

*Deuteronomy 8:11-14*—“Take heed lest you forget the Lord your God, by not keeping his commandments and his ordinances and his statutes, which I command you this day: lest, when you have eaten and are full, and have built goodly houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God.”

*Jeremiah 9:23-24*—“Thus says the Lord: ‘Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practice steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth; for in these things I delight, says the Lord.’”

*Psalms 39:5-6*—“Behold, thou hast made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing in thy sight. Surely every man stands as a mere breath! Surely man goes about as a shadow! Surely for nought are they in turmoil; man heaps up, and knows not who will gather!”

*Proverbs 16:19*—“It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud.”

*Pray that God will help you to be humble as it relates to your life and everything you possess.*

# *Day 6—April 12*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR FAMILY*

*Train your children to be faithful and obedient.*

**Proverbs 22:6**—“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

**Genesis 18:19**—“For I have chosen him, that he may charge his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice; so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.”

**Deuteronomy 6:6-7**—“And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

**Psalms 78:4-7**—“We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders which he has wrought. He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.”

**I Timothy 1:5**—“I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you.”

**Ephesians 6:4**—“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

*Pray that God will give you the wisdom to train your children to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ.*

# *Day 7—April 13*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR FAMILY*

*Our children should also be guided in spiritual development.*

**Mark 10:13-16**—“And they were bringing children to Him, that He might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it He was indignant, and said to them, “Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it. And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying His hands upon them.”

**Hebrews 12:7-9**—“If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers to discipline us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?”

**1 Timothy 5:4**—“If a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn their religious duty to their own family and make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God.”

**2 Timothy 3:14-15**—“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

**Colossians 3:20**—“Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.”

*Thank God for his precious gift of children, and pray for strength to nurture them in the admonition of the Lord.*

# *Day 8—April 14*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR FAMILY*

*Live for your heavenly home and not for this life only.*

**Luke 16:9**—“And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations.”

**Hebrews 11:13-16**—“These all died in faith, not having received what was promised, but having seen it and greeted it from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.”

**Hebrews 13:14-16**—“For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

**Hebrews 11:10**—“For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”

**I Corinthians 3:12-17**—“Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble – each man’s work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and that temple you are.”

*Pray that God will keep our eyes on the goal of our heavenly home.*

# *Day 9—April 15*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR FAMILY Delight in the Lord always.*

*Psalms 22:8*—“He committed his cause to the Lord; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

*Psalms 40:8*—“I delight to do thy will, O my God; thy law is within my heart.”

*Psalms 112:1*—“Praise the Lord. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments!”

*Psalms 147:10-11*—“His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man; but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.”

*Colossians 1:13-14*—“He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

*Matthew 6:33*—“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.”

*The idea that God delights in us is sometimes hard for us to comprehend. As a parent we delight in our children; how much more will God delight in us as we do His will? Pray for our families to continue to grow in this knowledge of God, delight in growing His kingdom and be motivated and encouraged.*

## ***Day 10—April 16***

### ***FOCUS ON YOUR FAMILY***

***Give us this day, our daily bread.***

***2 Peter 1:20-21***—“First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”

***Psalms 119:105***—“Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

***Psalms 19:7-9***—“The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.”

***Titus 1:9***—“He must hold firm to the sure word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to confute those who contradict it.”

***James 1:5, 3:13-14, 17***—“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him...Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good life let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth...But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity.”

***Pray for wisdom and let us meditate on God’s word to give us insight into what direction we should go in our lives.***

# *Day 11—April 17*

## ***FOCUS ON YOUR BLESSINGS*** ***Blessings are the gifts of God's grace.***

***Genesis 12:1-3***—“Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves.’”

***Malachi 3:10-12***—“Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.”

***Matthew 6:26, 30-33***—“Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.”

***John 3:16***—“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

***Colossians 1:13-14***—“He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

***Thank God for all the blessings that He has given us, even those blessings that we do not see.***

# *Day 12—April 18*

## ***FOCUS ON YOUR BLESSINGS*** ***God's blessings are spiritual.***

***Jeremiah 31:34***—“And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

***Isaiah 57:15***—“For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

***John 7:38-39***—“He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in Him were to receive.”

***Ephesians 1:3-6***—“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, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. He destined us in love to be His sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.”

***Romans 8:15-17***—“For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, “Abba! Father! It is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.”

***Pray in the Spirit. Our prayer life can get stale and sometimes we hurt so much that we do not know exactly what to say. But the Spirit does; take heart in that as you go before God in prayer.***

# *Day 13—April 19*

## ***FOCUS ON YOUR BLESSINGS*** ***God's blessings are eternal.***

***Psalms 90:2***—“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting thou art God.”

***Isaiah 60:19-20***—“The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.”

***Ephesians 3:10-12***—“That through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose which he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and confidence of access through our faith in Him.”

***Hebrews 9:15***—“Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred which redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant.”

***John 10:27-28***—“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.”

***I Peter 5:10-11***—“And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. To Him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

***Pray for God's matchless and abundant love, mercy and grace that abide forever and never fades or fails.***

# *Day 14—April 20*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR BLESSINGS*

*God blesses you financially so that you can be a blessing to others.*

*Proverbs 10:16*—“The wage of the righteous leads to life, the gain of the wicked to sin.”

*Psalms 67:6-7*—“The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. God has blessed us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!”

*Proverbs 11:24-25*—“One man gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. A liberal man will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.”

*Deuteronomy 15:7-8, 10-11*—“If there is among you a poor man, one of your brethren, in any of your towns within your land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him, and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him; because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in the land.”

*Hebrews 6:10-11*—“For God is not so unjust as to overlook your work and the love which you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness in realizing the full assurance of hope until the end.”

*2 Corinthians 9:8*—“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.”

*Pray for those who are less fortunate and be thankful for the abundant blessings that God continuously bestows upon us so we can be a blessing to others.*

# *Day 15—April 21*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR BLESSINGS*

*Life does not consist in the abundance of your possessions.*

*Luke 12:15*—“And he said to them, “Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

*Joshua 7:20-25*—“And Achan answered Joshua, ‘Of a truth I have sinned against the Lord God...when I saw among the spoil a beautiful mantle...silver...gold..., then I coveted them, and took them; and behold, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent.’ And all Israel stoned him with stones; they burned them with fire, and stoned them with stones.”

*Psalms 62:10*—“If riches increase, set not your heart on them.”

*Psalms 119:36-37*—“Incline my heart to thy testimonies, and not to gain! Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; and give me life in thy ways.”

*Psalms 37:16*—“Better is a little that the righteous has than the abundance of many wicked.”

*Proverbs 15:16*—“Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble with it.”

*I Timothy 6:6-8*—“There is great gain in godliness with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world; but if we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content.”

*Pray and let God know that you understand that this life does not consist in the abundance of your possessions.*

## ***Day 16—April 22***

### ***FOCUS ON YOUR COMMITMENT*** ***First, you must give yourself to God.***

***Daniel 3:16-18***—“Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, ‘O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up.’”

***Psalms 31:3-5***—“Yea, thou art my rock and my fortress; for thy name’s sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net which is hidden for me, for thou art my refuge. Into thy hand I commit my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.”

***Romans 12:1-2***—“I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

***2 Corinthians 8:5***—“And this, not as we expected, but first they gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.”

***Matthew 6:33***—“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.”

***Pray for our prayers to be pleasing to God. Pray to God to teach us to pray for the right things.***

## ***Day 17—April 23***

### ***FOCUS ON YOUR COMMITMENT*** ***Commit your ways unto the Lord.***

***Titus 2:1, 10***—“But as for you, teach what befits sound doctrine...show entire and true fidelity, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.”

***Psalms 37:3-7***—“Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will dwell in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your vindication as the light, and your right as the noonday. Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over him who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!”

***Proverbs 3:9-10***—“Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.”

***Proverbs 16:3***—“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.”

***1 John 3:18-20***—“Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before Him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and He knows everything.”

***Pray for all of us to stick to our commitment to God as we carry out “Setting Up a Pillar of Service.”***

## ***Day 18—April 24***

### ***FOCUS ON YOUR COMMITMENT***

***Our commitment inspires commitment in others.***

***Titus 2:7-8***—“Show yourself in all respects a model of good deeds, and in your teaching show integrity, gravity, and sound speech that cannot be censured, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say of us.”

***1 Corinthians 14:26***—“What then, brethren? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.”

***Ephesians 4:11-16***—“And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ... Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love.”

***Romans 15:1-2***—“We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him.”

***Hebrews 10:24-25***—“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

***Pray for faith and courage to follow through with personal commitments of time, effort, and service that will be examples to others. Most of all, pray that our efforts please God and that our plans will be blessed by Him.***

# ***Day 19—April 25***

## ***FOCUS ON YOUR COMMITMENT***

***God can do great things through one person or a group that is devoted to Him.***

***1 Samuel 14:6,7, 13***—“And Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, “Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the Lord will work for us; for nothing can hinder the Lord from saying by many or by few...And his armor-bearer said to him, ‘Do all that your mind inclines to; behold, I am with you, as is your mind so is mine’...Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, and his armor-bearer after him. And they fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer killed them after him.”

***2 Chronicles 14:9, 11***—“Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a million men and three hundred chariots.... And Asa cried to the Lord his God, ‘O Lord, there is none like thee to help, between the mighty and the weak. Help us, O Lord our God, for we rely on thee, and in thy name we have come against this multitude. O Lord, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee.’ So the Lord defeated the Ethiopians.”

***1 Samuel 17:45-47***—“Then David said to the Philistine, ‘You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down, and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord’s and he will give you into our hand.’”

***Pray for all involved in the capital stewardship campaign to work together in harmony and respect. And pray that great things can be done through a group that is devoted to Him.***

## ***Day 20—April 26***

### ***FOCUS ON YOUR COMMITMENT***

***When God agrees to do something, His commitment is built on a love that far exceeds human love.***

***Psalms 89:1-2, 34***—“I will sing of thy steadfast love, O Lord, for ever; with my mouth I will proclaim thy faithfulness to all generations. For thy steadfast love was established for ever, thy faithfulness is firm as the heavens...My steadfast love I will keep for him for ever, and my covenant will stand firm for him...I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips.”

***2 Timothy 2:11-13***—“The saying is sure: If we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him; if we endure, we shall also reign with Him; if we deny Him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful – for He cannot deny Himself.”

***1 Peter 2:9-10***—“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were no people but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.”

***Ephesians 3:14-19***—“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with might through his Spirit in the inner man, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fulness of God.”

***Pray that God will help you keep your commitment to Him just as He is committed to you.***

# ***DAY 21—April 27***

## ***FOCUS ON YOUR SERVICE***

***Being a servant is essentially what it means to be a Christian. Since God has called each of us to be servants, over the next six days please reflect on the following Scriptures that focus on service.***

***1 Corinthians 16:15***—“Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints.”

***Luke 16:13***—“No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

***Matthew 25: 14-15, 19-21, 29***—“For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away...Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master’ ...For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance.”

***John 12: 26***—“If any one serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honor him.”

***Pray that God will make you his servant and ask him to search your heart and help you make the necessary changes you need to make in your life.***

# *DAY 22—April 28*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR SERVICE*

*Jesus was our perfect example of servanthship.*

**Mark 10:35-45**—“And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ And he said to them, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ And they said to him, ‘Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ But Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?’ And they said to him, ‘We are able.’ And Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, ‘You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’”

**Luke 22:24-27**—“A dispute also arose among them, which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And he said to them, ‘The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For which is the greater, one who sits at table, or one who serves? Is it not the one who sits at table? But I am among you as one who serves.’”

**Matthew 10:24-25**—“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master; it is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master.”

*Pray for God to make you a servant everyday and in every way like Jesus, our sacrificial, servant Savior.*

## ***DAY 23—April 29***

### ***FOCUS ON YOUR SERVICE***

***Serving one another in the local church is not only a holy command but an honorable privilege.***

***Romans 12:5-8***—“so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”

***1 Peter 4:10-11***—“As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who utters oracles of God; whoever renders service, as one who renders it by the strength which God supplies; in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

***Colossians 3:23-24***—“What ever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ.”

***Hebrews 6:9-12***—“Though we speak thus, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things that belong to salvation. For God is not so unjust as to overlook your work and the love which you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness in realizing the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

***Pray for the Lord to strengthen you to function as a servant as you seek opportunities to use your giftedness in serving your fellow servants in Christ.***

# ***DAY 24—April 30***

## ***FOCUS ON YOUR SERVICE***

***Some of the characteristics related to the servant image are—being transparent, genuinely humble and totally honest.***

***1 Corinthians 2:1-3***—“When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in much fear and trembling”

***1 Corinthians 10:10***—“For they say, ‘His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account.’”

***1 Corinthians 2:4-5***—“And my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”

***2 Corinthians 4:1-2***—“Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. We have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.”

***1 Thessalonians 2:3-4***—“For our appeal does not spring from error or uncleanness, nor is it made with guile; but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please men, but to please God who tests our hearts.”

***Pray that you will not hide your humanity in all that you struggle with as his servant, but you will admit your faults and flaws. Ask the Lord to give you a non-defensive spirit when confronted with his Word and an authentic desire to serve others by being sensitive and spontaneous to their needs. Pray that He will help you be a person of real integrity.***

# ***DAY 25—May 1***

## ***FOCUS ON YOUR SERVICE***

***A servant is a giver.***

***Philippians 2:3-4***—“Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

***Romans 12:10-13***—“Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality.”

***2 Corinthians 4:5***—“For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.”

***Galatians 5:13***—“For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another.”

***2 Timothy 1:16-18***—“May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me eagerly and found me—may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day—and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.”

***Pray that God will help you make a thorough self-examination and enable you to give of yourself as a servant anonymously, generously, cheerfully, voluntarily, and personally and stick with it.***

# ***DAY 26—May 2***

## ***FOCUS ON YOUR SERVICE*** ***Servantship has its reward.***

***1 Corinthians 3:1-14***—“According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.”

***Philippians 4:19***—“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

***Hebrews 6:10-12***—“For God is not so unjust as to overlook your work and the love which you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness in realizing the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

***1 Corinthians 15:58***—“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

***Galatians 6:9-10***—“And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

***Ephesians 6:7-8***—“rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that whatever good any one does, he will receive the same again from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.”

***Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the promises of God that ensure us as his servants that we will be richly rewarded both here and eternally when we serve him and others faithfully.***

## *Day 27—May 3*

### *FOCUS ON YOUR OUTREACH*

*Reaching out to the lost with the Gospel of Christ was the focus of Jesus' earthly ministry.*

*Matthew 4:19-20*—“And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.”

*Luke 4:43*—“But he said to them, ‘I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose.’”

*Luke 19:10*—“For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

*Luke 15:7*—“So he told them this parable: ‘What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.’”

*John 4:34-35*—“Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest?’ I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest.’”

*John 20:21*—“Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.”

*Pray for God to make you Christ-like so you will be a concerned soul-winner among your lost friends and members of your family.*

# *Day 28—May 4*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR OUTREACH*

*The Old Testament reveals that God always expected His people to reach out to those who do not know God.*

*Psalms 126:5-6*—“May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy! He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.”

*Jeremiah 20:9*—“If I say, ‘I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,’ there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.”

*Daniel 12:3*—“And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.”  
*Isaiah 6:1-8*—“In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.’ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’ Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having in his hand a burning coal which he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth, and said: ‘Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven.’ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here am I! Send me.’”

*Pray that God will kindle in your heart his Word like a fire and that you will feel the urgency to want to share the Gospel with every lost person you know.*

## *Day 29—May 5*

### *FOCUS ON YOUR OUTREACH*

*Jesus commissioned his disciples to go and teach, and each of us needs to remember that “Go ye” means “Go me!”*

*Matthew 10:5-7*—“These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”

*Luke 10:1-2*—“After this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come. And he said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’”

*Matthew 28:18-20*—“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.’”

*Mark 16:15-16*—“And he said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.’”

*Luke 24:45-47*—“Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.’”

*Pray that God will grant you the willing obedience to get involved in outreach with a passion for teaching the lost.*

## *Day 30—May 6*

### *FOCUS ON YOUR OUTREACH*

*The early church in the book of Acts was an encouraging example of outreach.*

*Acts 2:47*—“Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

*Acts 4:4*—“But many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to about five thousand.”

*Acts 5:14*—“And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.”

*Acts 6:7*—“And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.”

*Acts 9:31*—“So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was built up; and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit it was multiplied.”

*Acts 12:24*—“But the word of God grew and multiplied.”

*Acts 16:5*—“So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.”

*Pray that God will help the Lake Harbour Drive congregation to continue to be a soul-winning church.*

# *Day 31—May 7*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR OUTREACH*

*The apostle Paul felt a keen urgency to stay involved in soul saving.*

***Romans 1:14-16***—“I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish: so I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

***Romans 10:1-4***—“Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified.”

***1 Corinthians 9:19-23***—“For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews; to those under the law I became as one under the law -- though not being myself under the law -- that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law -- not being without law toward God but under the law of Christ -- that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.”

***Ephesians 6:18-20***—“To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that utterance may be given me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.”

***1 Corinthians 11:1***—“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.”

*Pray that you can have the zeal for outreach as Paul.*

# Day 32—May 8

## ***FOCUS ON YOUR OUTREACH***

***God knows what you are doing and what the church is doing in outreach, and He will reward both His followers and His churches according to our works.***

***1 Corinthians 15:58***—“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

***Hebrews 6:9-12***—“Though we speak thus, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things that belong to salvation. For God is not so unjust as to overlook your work and the love which you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness in realizing the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

***James 5:19-20***—“My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.”

***Jude v. 20-23***—“But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And convince some, who doubt; save some, by snatching them out of the fire; on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.”

***Revelation 3:1-3***—“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write...I know your works; you have the name of being alive, and you are dead. Awake, and strengthen what remains and is on the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. Remember then what you received and heard; keep that, and repent. If you will not awake, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come upon you.”

***Thank God that you are a member of a church of Christ that will keep our focus on outreach.***

# *Day 33—May 9*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR GIVING*

### *The Lord watches your giving.*

**Mark 12:41-44**—“And he (Jesus) sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the multitude putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him, and said to them, ‘Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living.’”

**Luke 21:1**—“He (Jesus) looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury.”

**Exodus 35:20-22, 29**—“Then all the congregation of the people of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. And they came, every one whose heart stirred him, and every one whose spirit moved him, and brought the Lord's offering to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments. So they came, both men and women; all who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and armlets, all sorts of gold objects, every man dedicating an offering of gold to the Lord...All the men and women, the people of Israel, whose heart moved them to bring anything for the work which the Lord had commanded by Moses to be done, brought it as their freewill offering to the Lord.”

**2 Chronicles 24:8, 11-13**—“So the king commanded, and they made a chest, and set it outside the gate of the house of the Lord.... And whenever the chest was brought to the king's officers by the Levites, when they saw that there was much money in it, the king's secretary and the officer of the chief priest would come and empty the chest and take it and return it to its place. Thus they did day after day, and collected money in abundance. And the king and Jehoiada gave it to those who had charge of the work of the house of the Lord, and they hired masons and carpenters to restore the house of the Lord, and also workers in iron and bronze to repair the house of the Lord. So those who were engaged in the work labored, and the repairing went forward in their hands, and they restored the house of God to its proper condition and strengthened it.”

*Ask the Lord to accept your contributions as gifts of your love.*

# *Day 34—May 10*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR GIVING*

*God's people in past times gave 10% percent and more of their income to the Lord, but today Christians still need to set up a plan to faithfully give a set percentage OR MORE of their financial resources to the Lord's work.*

*Hebrews 7:1-2*—“For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him; and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything.”

*Gen 28:18-22*—“So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone which he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, ‘If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that thou givest me I will give the tenth to thee.’”

*Deuteronomy 14:22-23*—“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed, which comes forth from the field year by year...And before the Lord your God, in the place which he will choose, to make his name dwell there...that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.”

*Malachi 3:8-9*—“Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How are we robbing thee?’ In your tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me; the whole nation of you.”

*1 Corinthians 16:1-2*—“Now concerning the contribution for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that contributions need not be made when I come.”

*Pray for God to help you give a portion of your income that will reflect a sacrificial percentage.*

# *Day 35—May 11*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR GIVING*

*Our giving should reflect our trust in God.*

***Proverbs 11:28***—“He who trusts in his riches will wither, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.”

***1 Timothy 6:17-19***—“As for the rich in this world, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on uncertain riches but on God who richly furnishes us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good deeds, liberal and generous, thus laying up for themselves a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life which is life indeed.”

***Job 31:24-28***—“If I have made gold my trust, or called fine gold my confidence; if I have rejoiced because my wealth was great, or because my hand had gotten much; if I have looked at the sun when it shone, or the moon moving in splendor, and my heart has been secretly enticed, and my mouth has kissed my hand; this also would be an iniquity to be punished by the judges, for I should have been false to God above.”

***Psalms 49:6-12***—“Men who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? Truly no man can ransom himself, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of his life is costly, and can never suffice, that he should continue to live on for ever, and never see the Pit. Yea, he shall see that even the wise die, the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others. Their graves are their homes for ever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own. Man cannot abide in his pomp, he is like the beasts that perish.”

***Pray for God to help you trust in him and not to put confidence in the abundance of your possessions.***

# *Day 36—May 12*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR GIVING*

*We need to understand that our riches can deceive us.*

**Revelation 3:17**—“For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing; not knowing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.”

**Mark 8:36**—“For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?”

**Mark 4:18-19**—“And others are the ones sown among thorns; they are those who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the delight in riches, and the desire for other things, enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.”

**Luke 12:15**—“Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

**Proverbs 23:4-5**—“Do not toil to acquire wealth; be wise enough to desist. When your eyes light upon it, it is gone; for suddenly it takes to itself wings, flying like an eagle toward heaven.”

**Ecclesiastes 5:11**—“When goods increase, they increase who eat them; and what gain has their owner but to see them with his eyes?”

**1 Timothy 6:10**—“For the love of money is the root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced their hearts with many pangs.”

**Galations 6:7-8**—“Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”

***Pray for God to give you the proper perspective toward your possessions: They are a means to make a living and help God's kingdom, and they are not for personal greed.***

# *Day 37—May 13*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR GIVING*

*It is important to learn to be content with God's daily provisions.*

**1 Timothy 6:6-8**—“There is great gain in godliness with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world; but if we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.”

**Ecclesiastes 5:10**—“He who loves money will not be satisfied with money; nor he who loves wealth, with gain: this also is vanity. When goods increase, they increase who eat them; and what gain has their owner but to see them with his eyes? Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much; but the surfeit of the rich will not let him sleep.”

**Proverbs 30:8-9**—“Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, "Who is the Lord?" or lest I be poor, and steal, and profane the name of my God.”

**Matthew 6:9-11**—“Pray then like this: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.”

**Philippians 4:11-13**—“Not that I complain of want; for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want.

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.”

*Offer God a prayer of thanksgiving for giving your family plenty to provide for your needs.*

# *Day 38—May 14*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR GIVING*

*Give in proportion to how God has blessed you materially.*

*Ezra 2:68-69*—“Some of the heads of families, when they came to the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem, made freewill offerings for the house of God, to erect it on its site; according to their ability they gave to the treasury of the work.”

*Deuteronomy 16:10*—“Then you shall keep the feast of weeks to the Lord your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the Lord your God blesses you; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God...at the place which the Lord your God will choose, to make his name dwell there.”

*Mark 12:44*—“And a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him, and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living.”

*Acts 11:29*—“The disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea.”

*2 Corinthians 8:3, 12*—“For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will...For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a man has, not according to what he has not.”

*Matthew 2:11*—“And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they (the wise men) fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.”

*Pray that you will give according to your income, lest God make your income according to your giving.*

# *Day 39—May 15*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR GIVING*

*Building projects are worthy of your support.*

*Exodus 35:21*—“And they came, every one whose heart stirred him, and every one whose spirit moved him, and brought the Lord's offering to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments.”

*1 Chronicles 29:14-16*—“Both riches and honor come from thee, and thou rulest over all. In thy hand are power and might; and in thy hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank thee, our God, and praise thy glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from thee, and of thy own have we given thee...O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building thee a house for thy holy name comes from thy hand and is all thy own.”

*2 Kings 12:7-12*—“Therefore King Jehoash summoned Jehoiada the priest and the other priests and said to them, ‘Why are you not repairing the house? Now therefore take no more money from your acquaintances, but hand it over for the repair of the house.’ So the priests agreed that they should take no more money from the people, and that they should not repair the house. Then Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar on the right side as one entered the house of the Lord; and the priests who guarded the threshold put in it all the money that was brought into the house of the Lord. And whenever they saw that there was much money in the chest, the king's secretary and the high priest came up and they counted and tied up in bags the money that was found in the house of the Lord. Then they would give the money that was weighed out into the hands of the workmen who had the oversight of the house of the Lord; and they paid it out to the carpenters and the builders who worked upon the house of the Lord, and to the masons and the stonecutters, as well as to buy timber and quarried stone for making repairs on the house of the Lord, and for any outlay upon the repairs of the house.”

*Ask the Lord to help you cooperate with the church on  
Commitment Sunday to give the largest gift you can.*

# *Day 40—May 16*

## *FOCUS ON YOUR GIVING*

*Your giving will be a great help and encouragement to others.*

**2 Corinthians 9:1-15**—“Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the offering for the saints, for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them. But I am sending the brethren so that our boasting about you may not prove vain in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; lest if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we be humiliated -- to say nothing of you -- for being so confident. So I thought it necessary to urge the brethren to go on to you before me, and arrange in advance for this gift you have promised, so that it may be ready not as an exaction but as a willing gift. The point is this he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, ‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.’ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God; for the rendering of this service not only supplies the wants of the saints but also overflows in many thanksgivings to God. Under the test of this service, you will glorify God by your obedience in acknowledging the gospel of Christ, and by the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others; while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God in you.”

**Acts 4:34-37**—“There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. Joseph...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.”

*Pray that on Sunday, God will give us great success.*



**Pray Today,  
Too!**

***Upcoming Dates for Our Capital  
Campaign***

*40 Days of Prayer begins - April 7*

*Stewardship Class begins - April 19*

*Leadership Response Event - May 6*

*24-Hour Prayer Marathon - May 8 & 9*

*Commitment Sunday - May 17*

*Celebration and First Fruits - May 31*

*Begin 36 Months of Giving - June 7*