

STEWARDS OF GRACE

1 Peter 4:10-11

OUR GENEROUS FATHER

From A-Z, from Genesis to Revelation our God is so generous towards His people. God is generous from the get-go in creating the natural world, in creating man in His image (Genesis 1 & 2). Then He continues to display His grace from Adam to Abraham, Moses to David, God is faithful despite His chosen leaders. Then, God's displays His biggest act of generosity at the cross of Christ. God is good!

1 Peter 4:10 // Psalm 78:13-16 // Ephesians 2:4-10
Romans 6:23 // 1 Peter 1:18-19 // 1 Peter 1:3-4

STEWARDS NOT OWNERS

We are stewards of God's grace, not owners of it. Our money is not ours, but God's. We are simply to be faithful managers of God's money by His grace and for His glory. Everything is from Him. (1 Corinthians 4:7)

1 Peter 4:11 // Luke 19:1-10 // Matthew 6:24 // Psalm 24:1 // 1 Chronicles 29:12

**"There are 3 conversions for the Christian: conversion of the heart, the conversion of our minds, and the conversion of our wallets."
- Martin Luther**

WISDOM TO BE GOOD STEWARDS

Once we've put our stake in the ground and believe....It's all God's, I'm a steward of His money, then we ask for wisdom and look to His Word on how we are to be good stewards practically.

Here are a few Proverbs filled with biblical wisdom on money....

1. The rich and poor are more alike than they think (Prov. 22:2; 29:13).
2. You can't out give God (Prov. 3:9-10; 11:24; 22:9).
3. Money cannot give you ultimate security (Prov. 11:7; 11:28; 13:8).
4. The Lord loves those who are generous to the poor (Prov. 14:21, 31; 19:7; 28:21)
5. Money does not satisfy (Prov. 23:4-5) like....
 - Wisdom (Prov. 8:10-11, 18-19; 24:3-4).
 - Righteousness (Prov. 10:2; 11:4; 13:25; 16:8; 19:22; 20:17; 28:6).
 - The fear of the Lord (Prov. 15:16).
 - Humility (Prov. 16:19).
 - Good relationships (Prov. 15:17; 17:1).

**God doesn't make us rich so we can indulge ourselves and spoil our children, or so we can insulate ourselves from needing God's provision. God gives us abundant material blessing so that we can give it away, and give it generously."
- Randy Alcorn**

James 1:5

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 8:28

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **1 Peter 4:10-11**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday? _____

Now read **Luke 19:1-10**. What sticks out in this story? _____

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read **Romans 6:23**. What particular truth in this verse can help keep you focused on the Gospel? How does the Gospel motivate and fuel generosity? _____

Repent and Confess

Read **Matthew 6:24**. What do you see in these verses that expose a particular sin or behavior in your life? Do you struggle with money being an idol in your life? Now read the Martin Luther quote in the sermon notes. Is this how you'd describe your conversion? What does a checkbook, wallet, or bank statement look like that has been transformed by grace? If your wallet could talk what it say? _____

Ask for Provision

In light of this truth and confession, what do you need to ask for from the Lord? What fruit of the Spirit are you needing? _____

Your Life Mission

In moving forward in 2018, what is your plan to be more generous? What is a practical way that you can "make grace visible" to those around you? Maybe start by acknowledging that it's all God's, not ours, then adding a percentage or two to your giving or setting a certain minimum dollar amount. Maybe it's a budget to get out of debt? Or budgeting for evangelism like having your neighbor over for dinner. Brainstorm together as a group on how you can be more generous with what God has entrusted to you. _____

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



LIFE MISSION
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**MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.**



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