

YOU MAKE MY DAY WITH YOUR
Faithfulness, YOUR SENSE OF *Joy* IN THE
LORD, AND YOUR DESIRE TO MAKE
Disciples of Jesus Christ FOR THE SALVATION
OF THE WORLD. *Bishop R. Lawson Bryant*

Thanksgiving



Thank You

For your cooperation with the change wars project. Your coins, cash, and checks will go to purchasing shoeboxes for children's ministry outreach in Quito. Thank you for your selfless giving!

★ THE CHRISTMAS PLEDGE

1. To remember those people who truly need my gifts.
2. To express my love for family and friends in more direct ways than presents.
3. To rededicate myself to the spiritual growth of my family.
4. To examine my holiday activities in light of the true meaning of Christmas.
5. To initiate an act of peacemaking within my circle of family and friends.

KEEPING SCORE

WHAT WE LOSE WHEN WE KEEP SCORE

- Nov 05 » Lose Count of Offenses
- Nov 12 » Lose Count of What We Have Given
- Nov 19 » Lose Count of Our Righteousness
- Nov 26 » Lose Count of Our Failures

Prayer REQUESTS

▶ SALVATION

- Walter Miner III
- Gearen Family
- Tom M.
- Stein Family
- Ryan K.
- Tyler M.
- Mandy W.
- Dave. O

▶ HEALTH ISSUES

- Art B. » Health Issues
- Armando » Back Issues
- Karla D. » Cancer Recovery
- Mandy W. » Cancer
- Maggie B. » Chemotherapy
- Merle » Health Issues
- Carlos V. » Health Issues
- Angie & Family » Life Issues
- Samantha B. » Health Issues
- Bob A. Healing/Kidney
- Camilia S. » Cancer/Leg
- Robert G. » Health Issues
- Kevin K. » Health Issues
- Angela A. » Health Issues
- Michelle H. » Leukemia
- Janschek » Family Grief
- Jonathan H. » Viral Meningitis
- Lucille S. » Health Issues
- Bill L. » Health Issues
- Kim » Family Issues
- Laura S. » Health Issues
- Augustin A. » Sobriety
- Hector S. » Job Issues

METRICS THAT MATTER (11/05/23)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 35 GIVING ▶ \$2,520 GUESTS ▶ 0
 VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

KEEPING SCORE

WHAT WE LOSE WHEN WE KEEP SCORE

Lose Count of What We Have Given

DEUTERONOMY 15:1-11

We must lose count of what our “right hand” has given and hold up open hands that gladly give and receive in response to all that God has given us.



HERE'S THE POINT:

GOD WANTS US TO BE GENEROUS!

BASICS FROM DEUTERONOMY 15

- 1 AT THE END OF EVERY 7 YEARS—A RELEASE OF DEBTS**
- 2 IT IS THE LORD'S RELEASE**
- 3 GOD ESTABLISHED A SYSTEM WHERE NO ONE HAD TO BE CHRONICALLY POOR**
- 4 YOU SHALL LEND TO NATIONS**

GOD WANTS US TO BE OPEN-HANDED

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed. Proverbs 19:17



Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice. Psalm 112:5



Bring the full tithe 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 a blessing until there is no more need. **Malachi 3:10**



give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you. **Luke 6:38**

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' **Acts 20:35**



GOD WANTS US TO GIVE— NO STRINGS ATTACHED

So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. **Matthew 6:2–4**



And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. **Luke 6:34–36**

