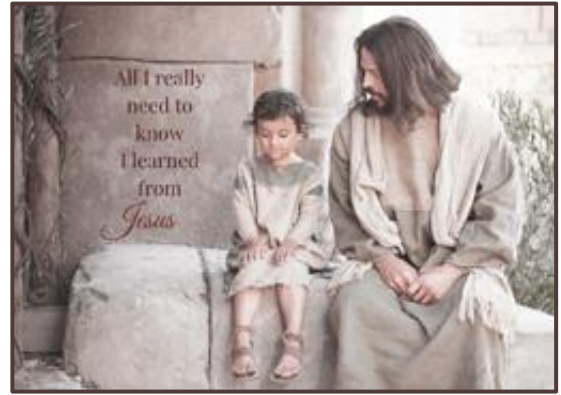


Daily Reflection on Scripture
Week of November 5
All I Need to Know I Learned from Jesus:
Week 4: Give and Receive



Sunday November 5

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good portion—packed down, firmly shaken, and overflowing—will fall into your lap. The portion you give will determine the portion you receive in return.

Sacred Pause: In the beginning God established a universal law - whatever we give is what we get back. What are you giving to others today? Remember what you give comes back.

Monday November 6

Luke 6:31-34 "Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them! If you only love the lovable, do you expect a pat on the back? Run-of-the-mill sinners do that. If you only help those who help you, do you expect a medal? Garden-variety sinners do that. If you only give for what you hope to get out of it, do you think that's charity? The stingiest of pawnbrokers does that.

Sacred Pause: Jesus said, here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for *them*!

Tuesday November 7

I Chronicles 29:14 Who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly? Since everything comes from you, we have given you that which comes from your own hand.

Sacred Pause: Who are you that you should be so blessed? You are the one who can bless others with your blessings. Giving is a natural response to God's blessings.

Wednesday November 8

II Corinthians 9:8 God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace. That way, you will have everything you need always and in everything to provide more than enough for every kind of good work.

Sacred Pause: Today, think surplus. You have enough of God's grace to provide for your needs. Out of that abundance share God's grace with others. Receive and give grace.

Thursday November 9

I Corinthians 13:3 If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

Sacred Pause: Giving is not a mechanical transaction. Giving comes from the heart. Without love giving is just a duty. You can gain the whole world with love.

Friday November 10

II Corinthians 9:11 Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

Sacred Pause: Gratitude leads to generosity. Generosity leads to gratitude. It is an endless cycle of joy that comes with giving to others. Give and receive, Jesus said.

Saturday November 11

Proverbs 11:25 Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

Sacred pause: Generous persons prosper with joy, meaning, purpose and hope. Whenever we reach out to serve, we not only serve the one in need, we also serve ourselves.