



MON 11-14

▼ **SCRIPTURE** Psalm 7:17

▼ **THOUGHT** "I will thank the LORD because he is just; I will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High." [NLT] As Thanksgiving gets closer, consider spending some focused time recalling and giving thanks for the good things in your life. Whether small or big, our perspective can shift when we give head space to things that bring us grateful thoughts!

▼ **PRAYER** **Loving God, I want to offer you a heart of thanksgiving and praise each day. Remind me of the many good things in my life when I begin to get down or simply forget to thank you. Remind me of the great treasure I have in the love and forgiveness of Christ. Amen.**

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TUES 11-15

▼ **SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 13:16

▼ **THOUGHT** "Make sure you don't take things for granted and go slack in working for the common good; share what you have with others. God takes particular pleasure in acts of worship—a different kind of 'sacrifice'—that take place in kitchen and workplace and on the streets." [MSG] Acts of worship involve sharing and working for the common good in common places!

▼ **PRAYER** **Holy God, I want my life to reciprocate the love and sacrifice you have shown me. Remind me daily that my worship includes how I treat the children you love so dearly. May your Spirit energize me so I don't lose my drive to continue doing your work in my everyday life. Amen.**

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WED 11-16

▼ **SCRIPTURE** Psalm 95:6

▼ **THOUGHT** "Come, let's worship and bow down! Let's kneel before the LORD, our maker!" [CEB] Starting the day with a thankful heart is so important! You can simply spend a few minutes of personal worship time letting God occupy your thoughts and saying out loud a scripture like this. Putting God in the proper place of honor will change how we respond to our circumstances. It helps us recognize who God is and who we are as God's children.

▼ **PRAYER** **Almighty God, you alone are worthy of my worship. I put you first in my life and offer back the gifts and resources you have given me. Thank you for constantly molding and shaping me to be more like Christ. Amen**

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THURS 11-17

▼ **SCRIPTURE** Psalm 50:23

▼ **THOUGHT** "It's the praising life that honors me. As soon as you set your foot on the Way, I'll show you my salvation." [MSG] When you pray, do you find yourself saying "please" more often than "thank you"? Sometimes our needs feel more urgent than our praise, but our praise honors God and keeps us on the right path. Gratitude brings glory to God, and it lightens our burdens as we recall the ways God has already been faithful!

▼ **PRAYER** **Faithful One, thank you for always hearing me when I call to you. I want my heart and mind to default to an attitude of praise and thanks for your greatness. Help me never to forget praise in my prayer time. Amen.**

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FRI 11-18

▼ **SCRIPTURE** 2 Corinthians 9:8

▼ **THOUGHT** "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." [CEB] More than enough! Say that phrase out loud. God will provide more than enough grace to complete good works. What good works can you add to your to-do list today? God will supply your needs as you do them!

▼ **PRAYER** **Precious Lord, my thanks will never be enough, but let me offer them anyway. I praise you for giving so freely to me so I can do the same for others. Your grace is such a gift. Amen.**

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SAT 11-19

▼ **SCRIPTURE** Proverbs 11:24-25

▼ **THOUGHT** "One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." [NIV] Would you consider yourself a generous person who gives to others freely, or is that a struggle for you? Our lives can be a refreshment for the people around us. Ask God to grow this virtue in you!

▼ **PRAYER** **God of grace, you refresh my soul, and I need your grace each day. I would love for others to experience joy and refreshment because I am a part of their lives. Create in me a spirit of generosity when my natural tendency is to hold on to my time and resources. Amen.**

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- ▼ **Intro** Generosity is meant to be a way of life for us as followers of Jesus. There should be a direct connection between our faith and our giving. Throughout the Bible we will find this theme: you were blessed to be a blessing!
- ▼ **Reflect**
- There is sometimes a perception that churches are only after money. Have you ever struggled with that idea? Why or why not?
 - What thoughts come to mind when you hear the phrase *time is money*?
 - The reality of our world is that time cannot directly pay the bills! Time is given in exchange for a payment at work, and then money is allocated to pay for necessities. When you think of this as it relates to the church, does it influence your feelings about the church asking its members for money in addition to their time?
 - 1 Timothy 6:17-19 says, "Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life." [NLT] What stands out to you in these verses?
 - What we receive isn't all meant for us! As Christ followers, some of it is meant to pass through us to make the world a better place. How has your faith impacted your level of generosity?
 - Brainstorm ways that you might be able to rearrange your schedule and budget so you can grow in your generosity toward God and toward other people. What community need stirs up a passion in you? How can you respond to those feelings this week?
- ▼ **Prayer** **God of love, your goodness is more than I can understand, but I give thanks to you for it. Help me to respond by living a life marked by openhandedness. Take what I have to offer and use it to share your goodness with the world. Amen.**



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▼ What did I learn? _____

▼ How might it apply in my life? _____

▼ What is a next step I can take? _____

