

“For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised” (2 Cor. 5:14-15).

Be Generous WEEK FOUR

KEY SCRIPTURE:

A verse to memorize and meditate on this week

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed” (PROV. 19:17).

TAKING IT FURTHER:

A section of Scripture to ponder in depth

“We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints — and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us” (2 COR. 8:1-5).

QUESTIONS:

Considerations to renew your mind and move you to action

1. What stands out in this Scripture when you first read it?
2. Are there things in this Scripture that remind you of what God in Christ Jesus has done for you or who He has made you to be?
3. What does this Scripture teach us about God’s will in regard to the habit we are focusing on this month?
4. What is God calling you to repent of and change in your life?
5. How can you put into action what God has taught you?

HOW I WILL:

Ways to practice this discipline

- Serve at a food bank or other local service organization.
- Personally deliver a small amount of cash or a gift card to a person in need.

This week do one of the above or a similar action that fits your context.

PRAYER:

Words to turn your heart to God and ask for His blessing

O holy and most merciful God, all Your ways are perfect and good. We ask You to make us, Your people, know and believe this always. According to Your promises, give us every blessing of body and soul as we seek first Your kingdom. Help us daily to live in the newness of life we have received through Your Holy Spirit in our Baptism. Since we have been connected to Jesus’ lifegiving death and resurrection in those waters, grant us each day to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

“What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you” (PHIL. 4:9).