



**LEGACY
KEEPERS**
Stewardship for the Next Generation

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

"But just as you excel in everything... see that you also excel in this grace of giving."
-2 Corinthians 8:7

INTRODUCTION

This devotional guide is being provided as part of the Stewardship of Life emphasis currently going on in our church. Although one aspect of this campaign deals with development of worship and ministry facilities, a far more crucial dimension concerns the building and expansion of our own personal relationship with God. This booklet is intended to help foster that spiritual growth by encouraging us to study God's Word and to pray for ourselves and each other.

As we follow this daily guide, we will have the opportunity to grow as a church family through the mutual sharing of insights and experiences relevant to the passages being studied. These passages focus on such key elements of the Christian life as commitment, accountability, ownership, responsibility, talents, worship, and time. Each passage will help focus your attention on a specific key element in the stewardship of your life. As you prayerfully consider the Scriptures, jot down thoughts or insights in the space provided. This can be a source of encouragement for you now and in the future.

Hebrews 11:6 tells us that God "rewards those who earnestly seek Him." It is our desire that this campaign be a time for us as individuals and as a body to earnestly seek Him, for He is worthy of our full attention and devotion in every area of our lives—not just during this campaign, but always.

The Spiritual Emphasis Team

MONDAY

APRIL 15TH

COMMITMENT

Psalm 37:5 "Commit your way to the Lord..."

Prayer and Meditation: Commitment is the act of trust, an act of referring a matter to something or someone, an agreement, a pledge to do something. Have you Pledged your commitment to the lord?

Personal application:

TUESDAY

APRIL 16TH

OWNERSHIP

Psalm 50:10-12 "...for the world is Mine, and all that is in it."

Prayer and Meditation: Consider what God has to say about ownership. Acknowledge that God owns all that has been entrusted to us.

Personal application:

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 17TH

ACCOUNTABILITY

Romans 14:7-13 "So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God..."

Prayer and Meditation: Focus on the One to whom we are accountable, and those things for which we are accountable. Ask God to show you how to make your time talent and treasure count for Jesus.

Personal application:

THURSDAY

APRIL 18TH

TALENTS & GIFTS

Luke 19:11-26 "...and gave them ten minas."

Prayer and Meditation: Jesus expects us to use our talents and abilities so that they are multiplied and His kingdom grows. How am I doing that?

Personal application:

FRIDAY

APRIL 19TH

WORSHIP

John 4:19-24 "...true worshipers will worship the Father..."

Prayer and Meditation: Think about how we are supposed to worship the Father. Are you following this pattern?

Personal application:

SATURDAY

APRIL 20TH

TIME

Exodus 16 "...a day of rest, a holy Sabbath to the Lord."

Prayer and Meditation: Moses is educating the Israelites about their walk with the Lord on a daily basis. Consider your time with the Lord. Is it daily? How can I be more consistent in spending time with God?

Personal application:

SUNDAY

APRIL 21ST

COMMITMENT

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 "...to walk in all His ways..."

Prayer and Meditation: Consider our commitment as it relates to loving the Lord and walking in His way. What are His ways?

Personal application:

MONDAY

APRIL 22ND

OWNERSHIP

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 "...you are not your own..."

Prayer and Meditation: To whom do we belong—and for what purpose?

Personal application:

TUESDAY

APRIL 23RD

ACCOUNTABILITY

2 Samuel 12:1-15 "...I have sinned against the Lord."

Prayer and Meditation: Nathan confronted David with his deeds; consider how you might be held accountable for your deeds.

Personal application:

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 24TH

TALENTS & GIFTS

Acts 6:2-4 "We will turn this responsibility over to them..."

Prayer and Meditation: The church has many ministries and many needs. Consider the areas for which you can take responsibility. How can I help?

Personal application:

THURSDAY

APRIL 25TH

WORSHIP

1 Chronicles 16:28-36 "...worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness...glory in His praise."

Prayer and Meditation: Have you thought about your part in "...ascribing to the Lord the glory due His Name?"

Personal application:

FRIDAY

APRIL 26TH

TIME

Ephesians 5:15-17 "...making the most of every opportunity..."

Prayer and Meditation: Paul exhorts the Ephesians to be careful in their walk. Do you walk carefully before the Lord? What do I need to avoid?

Personal application:

SATURDAY

APRIL 27TH

COMMITMENT

Jude 20-21 "...build yourselves up in your most holy faith..."
Keep ourselves in the love of God..."

Prayer and Meditation: Where are you in your personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ? Are you committed to personal growth?

Personal application:

SUNDAY

APRIL 28TH

OWNERSHIP

Matthew 19:22 "...he went away sad, because he had great wealth."

Prayer and Meditation: Sometimes personal wealth can result in spiritual death. Is this area of your life in balance?

Personal application:

MONDAY

APRIL 29TH

ACCOUNTABILITY

Luke 16:1-2 "Give an account of your management..."

Prayer and Meditation: How do you manage your affairs?

Personal application:

TUESDAY

APRIL 30TH

TALENTS & GIFTS

1 Corinthians 12:14 "...now the body is not made up..."

Prayer and Meditation: God has given each of us special gifts and abilities. Are you using yours? What do you think they are?

Personal application:

WEDNESDAY

MAY 1ST

WORSHIP

Hebrew 1:2-6 "Let all God's angels worship Him."

Prayer and Meditation: Clear indication is given of Christ's full deity. Worship Him with a whole heart today.

Personal application:

THURSDAY

MAY 2ND

TIME

2 Peter 3:3-14 "The Lord is not slow..."

Prayer and Meditation: Have you ever felt things should happen more quickly? Consider God's timing in your life.

Personal application:

FRIDAY

MAY 3RD

COMMITMENT

Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

Prayer and Meditation: We are exhorted, commanded, and encouraged to pray. Do you take everything to the Lord in prayer?

Personal application:

SATURDAY

MAY 4TH

OWNERSHIP

Acts 2:24 "...they gave to anyone as he had need."

Prayer and Meditation: Consider how you use your resources, to help others?

Personal application:

SUNDAY

MAY 5TH

ACCOUNTABILITY

Luke 16:10-13 "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much."

Prayer and Meditation: With what does God trust you?

Personal application:

MONDAY

MAY 6TH

TALENTS & GIFTS

Ephesians 4:11-13 "It was He who gave...to prepare God's people..."

Prayer and Meditation: Think about where you fit in the process of preparing God's people. What are we preparing for?

Personal application:

TUESDAY

MAY 7TH

WORSHIP

John 9:30-38 "...Lord, I believe; and he worshiped Him."

Prayer and Meditation: Do you worship the Lord only for what He has done for you?

Personal application:

WEDNESDAY

MAY 8TH

TIME

Mark 1:14-20 "...the time has come..."

Prayer and Meditation: Have you thought about God's call on your life and how you have responded?

Personal application:

THURSDAY

MAY 9TH

COMMITMENT

Matthew 10:5-16 "Freely you have received, freely give."

Prayer and Meditation: Have you purposed in your heart to be a giver? Besides money, what can I give?

Personal application:

FRIDAY

MAY 10TH

OWNERSHIP

Ephesians 1:13-14 "...who are God's possession..."

Prayer and Meditation: If we are His, to whom do our possessions belong?

Personal application:

SATURDAY

MAY 11TH

ACCOUNTABILITY

Romans 2:1-16 "You... have no excuse... for God does not show favoritism."

Prayer and Meditation: Consider how each of us must stand before God.

Personal application:

SUNDAY

MAY 12TH

TALENTS & GIFTS

Philippians 4:10-19 "...everything through Him Who gives me strength"

Prayer and Meditation: Think about your abilities and their source.

Personal application:

MONDAY

MAY 13TH

WORSHIP

Matthew 28:17-20 "...they worshiped Him..."

Prayer and Meditation: Think about His promise to be with us always. How does God's presence comfort you?

Personal application:

TUESDAY

MAY 14TH

TIME

Daniel 9:2-19 "I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed"

Prayer and Meditation: Have you ever felt as if you were in captivity? How did you respond? Ask God to set you free from any known sin.

Personal application:

WEDNESDAY

MAY 15TH

COMMITMENT

Luke 10:36 "Which of these three... was a neighbor"

Prayer and Meditation: What is your relationship with your neighbor? Who currently are my neighbors?

Personal application:

THURSDAY

MAY 16TH

OWNERSHIP

Luke 15:11-32 "...there squandered his wealth"

Prayer and Meditation: Consider how you handle your possessions (not just money). How can I not squander what God has trusted me with?

Personal application:

FRIDAY

MAY 17TH

ACCOUNTABILITY

Joshua 7:1-26 "...acted unfaithfully in regard to the devoted things..."

Prayer and Meditation: Have you ever felt that the actions of others determined how things turned out for you?

Personal application:

SATURDAY

MAY 18TH

TALENTS & GIFTS

Acts 18:1-6 "...and because he was a tentmaker... he stayed and worked with them."

Prayer and Meditation: Paul used his talents while spreading the gospel. How can you use yours?

Personal application:

SUNDAY

MAY 19TH

WORSHIP

Revelation 4:10-11 "...and worship Him who lives for ever and ever"

Prayer and Meditation: Consider the eternal majesty of the One you love and serve.

Personal application:

MONDAY

MAY 20TH

TIME

Revelation 1:1-8 "...because the time is near"

Prayer and Meditation: He is coming again! The time is near! How would you like Jesus to find you when He returns?

Personal application:

TUESDAY

MAY 21ST

COMMITMENT

1 Chronicles 28:9-10 "Serve Him with wholehearted devotion..."

Prayer and Meditation: Where, or to whom, is your service directed?

Personal application:

WEDNESDAY

MAY 22ND

OWNERSHIP

Acts 5:1-11 "Didn't it belong to you... wasn't the money at your disposal?"

Prayer and Meditation: Consider your motivation in giving or not giving?

Personal application:

THURSDAY

MAY 23RD

ACCOUNTABILITY

Luke 18:18-34 "You still lack one thing."

Prayer and Meditation: As you read these Scriptures, think about what God requires of you.

Personal application:

FRIDAY

MAY 24TH

COMMITMENT

Psalms 78:4-8 "...we will tell the next generation, the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord..."

Prayer and Meditation: What are we called to do? How are you going to be a good steward for the next generation?

Personal application:
