



# ONE LIFE

WHAT ARE YOU LIVING FOR?

DEVOTIONAL



**ECHO.CHURCH  
EXISTS TO  
URGENTLY  
LEAD PEOPLE  
TO SAY YES  
TO JESUS AND  
PASSIONATELY  
FOLLOW HIM.**

From our beginning, we have been all about reaching people with the message and love of Jesus. When one person invests their one life in the mission of God, there is no limit to what they can accomplish.

We have watched this community faithfully give their time, talents, and treasures to change the world. This movement has been built on the faithfulness of God and the sacrifices of many people.

God has designed your **ONE LIFE** to Echo through eternity!

We invite you to dive into this booklet with us, as we deepen our faith and strengthen our ability to lead more people to passionately follow Jesus.

# YOUR INFLUENCE

## READ 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-7 (NLT)

Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity.

For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do.

So we have urged Titus, who encouraged your giving in the first place, to return to you and encourage you to finish this ministry of giving. Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.

# REFLECT

- 1. What do I think the Apostle Paul means by the statement: “They gave themselves first of all to the Lord”?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2. Paul shares about the Macedonian church as an example of generosity to inspire the church in Corinth. Who has God most used to inspire me to live a more generous life?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3. In what ways could I be more strategic and intentional in how I influence others to live a more generous life?**

# YOUR LIFESTYLE

READ COLOSSIANS 1:15-23 (NLT)

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see — such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical

body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News. The Good News has been preached all over the world, and I, Paul, have been appointed as God's servant to proclaim it.

# REFLECT

1. Do I give in such a way that places Christ as first in all things? Practically speaking, does my giving affect my saving and spending decisions, or do my saving and spending decisions affect my giving?
2. Do I see my financial resources as more of a tool for God or a tool for me?



**3. In light of the fact that Jesus changes everything, am I giving in a way that changes me, or has it become comfortable and routine?**

**4. Is there a choice I have made in the past in regards to my lifestyle and resources that is impacting my ability to love and honor God in the present? What might God be asking me to do about it?**

# YOUR GENEROSITY

**READ 2 CORINTHIANS 9:10-15 (NLT)**

**For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.**

**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. So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.**

**As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you. Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!**

# REFLECT

1. In what ways has giving helped my heart change over time? How has this impacted my relationship with God?
2. Paul shares that we will be enriched in every way so that we can be generous on every occasion. This begs the question: If you were God, would you give you more money?
3. What are the reasons I give financially? How has this list changed over time?
4. Have I shared my giving story with others? Could my story be an inspiration to help others on their journey? How might God use my strengths and my struggles in this area for His glory?

# YOUR LEGACY

READ ACTS 20:24-25, 35 (NLT)

But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

“And now I know that none of you to whom I have preached the Kingdom will ever see me again...

And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

# REFLECT

- 1. The Apostle Paul had a very clear goal in mind with his legacy. What was it?**
- 2. Why do I think the Apostle Paul made some of his last words to the church in Ephesus: “It is more blessed to give than to receive”? How could wholeheartedly embracing this truth help expand my legacy?**
- 3. Thus far in my life, what have I spent the most financial resources on? Reflect on your response as you re-read the passage.**
- 4. What am I intentionally doing now to ensure that my children or others whom I influence are learning values of generosity?**



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