

Give from abundance:

LENTEN CALENDAR

February 17-April 3, 2021



Week 1

- Wednesday - \$.10 per medicine bottle in your home
- Thursday - \$1 per sink in your house
- Friday - Poverty Simulator at bit.ly/citc-lent1
- Saturday - \$5 for each time you've traveled out of the US

Week 2

- Sunday - Give Generously Devotion (2 Corinthians 8:1-7)
- Monday - \$1 for every purse or wallet you own
- Tuesday - All the coins in your pocket or purse
- Wednesday - \$.25 for each light switch in your house
- Thursday - \$1 each time your family visited the dentist in the past year
- Friday - Explore Your Area at bit.ly/citc-lent2
- Saturday - \$3 for every working toilet in your home

Week 3

- Sunday - Give All Devotion (Luke 21:1-4)
- Monday - \$.50 for every device in your home that can access the internet
- Tuesday - \$1 for each type of fruit in your house
- Wednesday - \$5 if you have a savings account
- Thursday - \$.25 for every soap dispenser
- Friday - The Web of Poverty at bit.ly/citc-lent3
- Saturday - \$2 if you got a new toothbrush this year

Week 4

- Sunday - God's Riches Devotion (1 Timothy 6:17-19)
- Monday - \$3 if you can purchase Band-Aids that match your skin tone
- Tuesday - \$.25 for each pair of shoes in your home
- Wednesday - \$1 for every kitchen appliance in your home
- Thursday - \$5 if you have ice in your freezer
- Friday - Defining Poverty at bit.ly/citc-lent4
- Saturday - \$.05 for every drinking glass you have in your home

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Week 5

- Sunday - Bless the Lord Devotion (Psalm 103:1-6)
- Monday - \$.10 for every electric outlet in your home
- Tuesday - \$.01 for each book in your house
- Wednesday - \$.50 per pet you have
- Thursday - \$5 if you vacationed in the last year
- Friday - Facts About Generational Poverty at bit.ly/citc-lent5
- Saturday - \$.25 each time you use water in a day

Week 6

- Sunday - Who is Blessed Devotion (Matthew 5:1-12)
- Monday - \$.50 for each phone in your home/family
- Tuesday - \$1 for every load of laundry done this week
- Wednesday - \$.75 per coat you own
- Thursday - \$.25 per board game/card game
- Friday - How Can Camp Combat Poverty? at bit.ly/citc-lent6
- Saturday - \$.25 for every hour you spend on social media each week

Week 7

- Sunday - A Cheerful Giver Devotion (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)
- Monday - \$1 for each room in your home
- Tuesday - \$.25 for each cup of coffee you buy in a week
- Wednesday - \$1 per meal you've eaten out this week
- Thursday - \$.50 for each person in your family who has completed high school
- Friday - Poverty and the Lord's Supper at bit.ly/citc-lent7
- Saturday - \$5 for every working vehicle your family owns

Bonus: Easter Devotion

- Sunday - Eternal Life Devotion (Matthew 19:16-30)

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During Lent, we are called to pray and sacrifice, and to give. Camp in the Community helps us put our faith into action as we think about the blessings in our lives, and give so that others may be blessed.

This calendar invites us to explore the privileges we often take for granted, as we pray for those who don't have the same access. Pray for those camper families who have been most affected by the current pandemic, and for the ways, we, as the body of Christ, might meet those needs.

As we reflect on our own abundance, we are called to create an abundant life for others.

You can use the printable calendar to follow the daily challenges, or use the tearable version and draw them from a jar. The proposed gift amounts may generate between \$50 and \$100 over the course of Lent for your household. You can add money to a jar as you go, or note the amounts each day and make one big donation at the end of Lent.

This year, we have the opportunity to serve 1400+ children throughout our conference and provide them a powerful camp experience. Help us, and learn more about this ministry at www.campinthecommunity.org, and send your donations to: Camp in the Community, PO Box 850 Alcoa, TN 37701

For more to supplement your Lenten journey, join us on our website: campinthecommunity.org/lent

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<p>All the coins in your pocket or purse</p>	<p>\$.25 for each light switch in your house</p>	<p>\$1 each time your family visited the dentist in the past year</p>	<p>\$3 for every working toilet in your home</p>
<p>\$.50 for every device in your home that can access the internet</p>	<p>\$1 for each type of fruit in your house</p>	<p>\$5 if you have a savings account</p>	<p>\$.25 for every soap dispenser</p>
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<p>\$5 if you have ice in your freezer</p>	<p>\$.05 for every drinking glass you have in your home</p>	<p>\$.10 for every electric outlet in your home</p>	<p>\$.01 for each book in your house</p>

\$0.50 per pet you have

\$5 if you vacationed in the last year

\$.25 each time you use water in a day

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\$.25 per board game/card game

\$.25 for every hour you spend on social media each week

\$1 for each room in your home

\$.25 for each cup of coffee you buy in a week

\$1 per meal you've eaten out this week

\$.50 for each person in your family who has completed high school

\$5 for every working vehicle your family owns

LENTEN TRACKER

Name: _____

<u>Activity</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Total</u>
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\$5 for every working vehicle your family owns	\$5	x	_____	= \$ _____
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Lenten
DEVOTIONALS

Week Two

Give All Devotion
Written by Danaya, Staff

FROM THE BIBLE

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

DEVOTION

We give all the time. We give attention to things and people that are important to us. We give time to school, family, jobs and hobbies. Times we give a lot and sometimes we just give a little bit. Giving generously means that we aren't selfish with the things that we're sharing. It means to give freely.

The scripture is a letter that Paul is writing to a city called Corinth. The people who lived there were called Corinthian's. Paul is telling the Corinthians about a community in a city called Macedonia that gave to them and helped them. The Macedonians were excited to give even though they were having hard times, because they knew it was what God wanted. Paul says that they gave as much as they were able and some even gave more than they were able. More importantly, this community gave themselves to God.

To give yourself to God means that you are willing to listen and obey whatever is in his plan for you and your life. When we give ourselves to God, then we are able to give freely to do the work God asks us to do. The call to give generously isn't just to the wealthy or people who have a lot of things. Everyone has something to give. If you like to cook or bake, you can give food to friends or family or anyone who needs it. If you like art, you can give pictures and crafts. In free time, you can spend it with a sibling or a grandparent or someone who just needs a friend.

The important thing to remember is that whatever you give, make sure you give it freely. When we give out of a pure heart and we give generously, God is pleased. In the last verse, Paul says that the Corinthians were really good at a lot of things and that they were smart and loving. The next step for them and for us is to be a really excellent at giving freely.

Week Three

Give All Devotion
Written by Ben, Staff Alum

FROM THE BIBLE

Luke 21:1-4

“He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; or all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”

DEVOTION

This passage shows that giving is not about how much you give, but it is instead about giving all.

The woman in this story is only able to give two copper coins compared to many others giving a surplus of gifts. Despite the smaller amount given by the woman, Jesus declares she has given the most of all because she gave all she could. The message here is that truly giving all, is about giving yourself fully. There are many things that we let get in the way of giving all; we like our stuff, we like the position our wealth provides, or maybe we do not have much to give in the first place. Yet we are still called to give all, how can we do that?

Remember that God does not see us as walking dollar signs, God loves us and cares for us and provides for us even when we feel we are alone. The mindset of giving should not be focused on a certain amount, but instead on glorifying and praising God. We must give in ways that allow for the continued growth of ministries that spread God’s love and support.

If you feel you do not have the means of giving monetarily, remember you have been blessed with many gifts you can share. If you love to bake find a way to give all with your baking, if you are an awesome artist find ways to praise through your art, if you have some free time work with your church or other ministries to find opportunities to volunteer. Giving all is not about giving all of your money, it is about giving of yourself.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for all of the blessings you have given, and thank you for the opportunities to give to others. Please help me to find ways that I can give all, help me to see where I can donate, where I can volunteer, and where I can direct my prayers. Amen.

Week Four

God's Riches Devotion Written by Elena, Staff Alum

FROM THE BIBLE

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NASB)

"Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed."

DEVOTION

During the season of Lent, we learn a lot about giving and loving others. By sharing our worldly possessions and riches, we mimic the great gift that God gave us when He sacrificed His Son on our behalf. When we give up things for Lent, it can be easy to go through the motions because we feel like we have to, or we feel like it's the right thing to do. Every once in a while, it's a good idea to reset our focus.

Imagine that you really like toy cars. You have one, and it's one of your favorite toys, but you really want a shiny red car that you saw in the store. You save and save your money and finally, you are able to go buy that new car. Life is great! You have two really awesome cars you can race and show off. Now imagine that your best friend comes to play, and he sees your toys. They say, "man it would be really nice if I had a car. You're lucky you have two!" I think most of us would give our friend one of the cars. After all, it's much more fun if we each have a car to play with.

When we become Christians, we become part of a universal family, all tied together through Jesus Christ. Christians are called to love and care for one another. Sometimes we receive this love and sometimes we give this love. Just like the example of the toy cars, when we share our earthly riches and blessings with others, we are answering God's call to be rich in good works. Giving what we can is a form of caring for and loving others, and Christians should be the most excited to do this! We are to support each other in doing good deeds for the purpose of God's kingdom. In doing so, God tells us that we are storing up riches in heaven.

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God does not promise His children that they will always have an easy life, but He does promise that they will have an abundant one. God has blessed us all in unique ways. Some people have a lot of toys, some people have a lot of books, and some people have nice cars or big houses. When we don't have a lot, it's easy to be envious of other people. When we do have a lot, it's easy to want to hold on to what we have. When we do this, we start valuing possessions over our relationship with God. If instead, we fix our focus on God, our earthly possessions are not as important to us anymore. We can "take hold of that which is life," like the Bible tells us in 1 Timothy and not be constrained to this world. We can put our hope in God's riches that He stores up in heaven.

How comforting it is to know that God has an abundance of blessings and riches to bestow upon us in heaven! It's good to recognize the blessings we have now, too. These can include family, friends, teachers, camp, pets, sports, and so much more. This week, focus on storing up your riches in heaven, rather than your riches on Earth. Take time to pray and thank God for your unique blessings, and ask Him to show you the ways in which you can be generous and ready to share.

Week Five

Bless the Lord Devotion
Written by Jenny Kate, Staff

FROM THE BIBLE

Psalm 103:1-6

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is in me, bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
- 3 who forgives all your iniquity
who heals all your diseases,
- 4 who redeems your life from the pit
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- 5 who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.

DEVOTION

This Psalm calls us to bless and praise the Lord not only with part of us, but with all that is in us. Bless Him with your soul. Everything we have is from God, so we should give all of it back to Him through praise and honor. The next verse reminds us of all that God does for us everyday. Do not forget his benefits. The remembrance of His mercies is what equips us to worship Him. Just to remind us even further, the writer lists some of the incredible blessings the Father gives to us. He forgives our sins. He heals diseases. He redeems us from the pits of despair. He is a loving and merciful Father. He is the only thing that can satisfy us. He offers us eternal life in heaven. He does everything perfectly without mistake. The Lord does these things, not out of requirement, but because He loves us deeply. In the same way, He calls us to be generous to Him and His people, not out of requirement, but because we love Him with all that is in us. Bless the Lord through honor and worship.

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. God does all of this not just for His own people, but for everyone who is oppressed too. He is compassionate towards those who are hurting and oppressed. In Isaiah 1:17, we are called to “seek justice and correct the oppressor.” Jesus not only is compassionate to the oppressed, but he calls us to call out the oppressors and make a change. There is significant hurting and pain in our world right now, and Jesus cares deeply and wants us to care deeply as well. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Week Six

Who is Blessed Devotion
Written by Daynah, Staff Alum

FROM THE BIBLE

Matthew 5: 1- 12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

DEVOTION

In this reading, Jesus is preaching a sermon on the mountainside. This sermon is widely known as The Beatitudes . To understand our theme of who is blessed, let's look into the definition of Beatitude. Beatitude is defined as supreme blessedness. Wow. Can you imagine how loved and cherished one is to have supreme blessedness?

Further down in our reading, we find Jesus speaking more about who is blessed and why. In the third and fourth verse he starts with, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is in the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Within this passage we are learning how all persons within any circumstances are cared for. There is no disregard for those in certain situations.

Jesus does not ignore your state of conditions, nor is there any shame placed upon it. You are nevertheless blessed, in his eyes - you are seen. When reading with your family or even alone, think about those highlighted in this passage. What makes you feel blessed, loved, and cherished? Is there anyway that you can bless others?

Week Seven

Give All Devotion
Written by Brooks, Staff Alum

FROM THE BIBLE

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

DEVOTION

God loves it when we give cheerfully! As we near the end of an extended time of prayer, fasting, and giving in preparation for Easter, we hope that these practices have produced joy in your hearts. Did you know that the words to sow and to reap are words used by farmers and gardeners? To sow means to plant seeds and to reap means to gather a harvest of plants. Have you ever planted anything and watched it grow? In this scripture, God wants us to picture the kingdom of heaven like a garden. As children of God we get to join him in the process of taking care of the garden. Throughout our lives God gives us seeds that we get to spread all around us, everywhere we go. These seeds represent the goodness of God that we are tasked with sharing throughout the world. Sometimes we get to give of our money and resources. Sometimes God calls us to give of our time to someone who needs to encounter his love. There are so many unique ways that we get to give of what God has given us!

We also get to enjoy the generosity of what God allows us to reap. When we happily give to others, we can trust that whatever God chooses to provide us with in our own lives will be better than anything we can ask of or imagine. If we ever don't know what to give or how much to give, we can always pray and ask the Holy Spirit.

QUESTIONS

- 1) Have you ever received a gift from God? What was it?
- 2) How do you feel when you give something away? Happy or sad?
- 3) Has it ever been hard to give of your time or resources?
- 4) How can you start to give more cheerfully?
- 5) Why do you think God loves a cheerful giver?

Easter Sunday

The Rich and the Kingdom of God Devotion
Written by Haleigh, Assistant Director

FROM THE BIBLE

Matthew 19:16-30

Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments."

"Which ones?" he inquired.

Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?"

Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?"

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first."

DEVOTION

As Christians, we long for the day when we return home and receive the promise of eternal life. As we long for that day when we no longer experience this world's worries and trials, we may forget the promise of eternal life is a two-way one. It is not something we automatically receive. We must accept it by following God and His word.

In the Bible story, Jesus tells us that it is very hard for a rich man to make it into the kingdom of Heaven. You see, we must work to be more Christ-like in our actions in order to follow Him and truly be a Christian. Jesus does not care about the wealth you have, but rather how you use it to help others.

The man Jesus told to sell his possessions to be perfect was saddened by what Jesus had said. The man did not wish to give away his wealth. Yet, to truly follow Jesus, one must realize our possessions and wealth are not important and can even hinder our spiritual relationship with God.

Now, we are not saying you have to give away all your possessions to be a good Christian. However, it is important to be aware of your possessions and wealth and make sure they are not impeding the relationship you have with Christ.

Are your worldly possessions keeping you from Christ, or are you acting as a steward to the things God has given to you? Understanding that all you have is a blessing from the Lord allows you to use those blessings as God calls you to.