

Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.<sup>7</sup> You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."<sup>8</sup> And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.  
II Corinthians 9:6-8 (NLT)

*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.* Luke 6:38 (NLT)

## enthusiastically.

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. I Corinthians 15:58 (NLT)

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. I Peter 4:10 (NLT)

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.<sup>7</sup> If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well.<sup>8</sup> If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)

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Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.<sup>8</sup> My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's instruction.<sup>9</sup> What you learn from them will crown you with grace and be a chain of honor around your neck. Proverbs 1:7-9 (NLT)

*The sayings of King Lemuel—an inspired utterance his mother taught him.*<sup>2</sup> Listen, my son! Listen, son of my womb! Listen, my son, the answer to my prayers!  
Proverbs 31:1-2 (NIV)

## Be \_\_\_\_\_.

Do not spend your strength on women, your vigor on those who ruin kings.<sup>4</sup> It is not for kings, Lemuel—it is not for kings to drink wine, not for rulers to crave beer,<sup>5</sup> lest they drink and forget what has been decreed, and deprive all the oppressed of their rights.

Proverbs 31:3-5 (NIV)

## Be \_\_\_\_\_.

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.<sup>9</sup> Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. Proverbs 31:8-9 (NIV)

*"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;<sup>36</sup> naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' ...<sup>40</sup>... 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'*

Matthew 25:34-36; 40b (NASB)

## Spiritual Disciplines to work into daily life:

*...discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness. I Timothy 4:7b-(NASB)*

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#### Applying \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”*

*Matthew 7:24-25 (NIV)*

*But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you.<sup>15</sup> You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.*

*II Timothy 3:14-17 (NIV)*

*Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield  
to those who take refuge in him. Proverbs 30:5 (NIV)*

#### Cultivating \_\_\_\_\_.

*Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you  
who belong to Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (NLT)*

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. <sup>35</sup> Cry out, “Save us, God our Savior; gather us and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise.”*

*<sup>36</sup> Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Then all the people said “Amen” and “Praise the LORD.”*

*I Chronicles 16:34-36 (NIV)*

#### \_\_\_\_\_ **Passionately.**

*Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. Colossians 3:16-17 (NLT)*

*And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.*

*Romans 12:1 (NLT)*

#### \_\_\_\_\_ **Persistently.**

*Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble,  
and keep on praying Romans 12:12 (NLT)*

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer  
and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

*Philippians 4:6 (NIV)*

*Pray continually. I Thessalonians 5:17 (NIV)*

**\*Make prayer such an integral part of my life that  
I develop a prayer \_\_\_\_\_.**

#### \_\_\_\_\_ **Growing** \_\_\_\_\_.

*A generous person will prosper;  
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)*

*Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

*Romans 12:13 (NIV)*

*Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward  
them for what they have done. Proverbs 19:17 (NIV)*