

Study Guide

This study guide is designed to help you to become more familiar with the Bible. Study these passages on your own, with a friend, or with a group. If you or someone you know needs a Bible, please take one! For message manuscripts and videos go to spwired.com.

Monday - Read Matthew 20:1-16. If you were to place yourself as a worker in this story, what is the “hour of your life” in which you came “into the vineyard?” What does this story tell you about God’s generosity? The source of our generosity comes from God’s generous grace toward us. Take a few minutes just to recognize God’s generosity to you. Does that make you want to be more generous with your resources of time, talents, and materials?

Tuesday -Read Matthew 6:19-21 and I Timothy 6:17-19. What do you treasure most, honestly? What do you think Jesus means when he says, “that is where your heart is”. In the ancient church, the phrase, “I believe”, really meant , “I give my heart to”. Jesus is pointing to the stuff that we allow to claim us and he calls us to identify those things, repent and be claimed only by God. Generosity is the action that frees our soul (hearts) from the stuff we tend to worship to some degree and be claimed by God.

Wednesday - Read Psalm 112:1-9. Hebrew poetry uses repetition as a way to reiterate ideas or thoughts. What themes are reiterated in this passage? In verse 3, what are the “wealth and riches”? Read on into verses 4-7 to help find the answer. What are the key words in those verses? Do those words describe you?

Thursday – Read Mark 12:41-44. Jesus was teaching in the Temple and he saw people giving offerings. What did Jesus want the disciples to see? How would you describe this woman’s faith? What do you think she put her trust in? How does this story, or the story of someone else’s sacrifice for your benefit, affect your vision for what really matters in life?

Friday – Jesus tells a story about a King’s values. **Read Matthew 25:34-40.** One motivation to be generous is to think the other person represents the living Christ. What hinders your generosity? What moves you to be generous? With whom are you most generous?

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