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Devotional Digest
(Week 5)

CoViD-19

As CoViD-19 persists, it is our duty to join God in His mission even in the confines of our homes, by strengthening the family, interceding for one another, and seeing His glory through the times.

CICC's OIKOS Ministry hopes that through this weekly devotional digest, we share this post to fellow CICC-ers to read and discuss together in our homes as one body and in one Spirit.

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CHARITY at a time of SCARCITY

The lordship of Christ touches the most sensitive areas of our lives such as our pockets, purses, and wallets.

A discipleship that does not address our possessions fails to grasp the totality of surrender the Lord requires of His followers.

This week's devotionals help us understand God's ownership of all things and the stewardship He expects of His children.



DAY 1

TRUSTING GOD FOR THE PRESENT

*“... make yourselves purses which do not wear out,
an unfailing treasure in heaven ...”*

READINGS:

Luke 12:22-34; Phil. 4:19

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. Why is it difficult to trust God with our finances during this pandemic?
2. How does the character of God help us when it comes to our money concerns?
3. How should we respond to the present financial circumstances we face in our own lives or those who face financial hardships at this time?

PRAYER: Father God, when things look bleak in our lives, teach us not to worry. Dare we forget that we are Your children. You love and care for us deeply. Our needs You'll meet today. Thank you, Jehovah-Jireh, our Provider. In Jesus' name, Amen.



DAY 2

TRUSTING GOD FOR THE FUTURE

“... for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.”

READINGS:

Luke 12:13-21; Prov. 13:11; 30:24-25

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. What might be some reasons we fail to plan for the future?
2. How does the certainty of our future eternal kingdom change the way we spend and invest our money today?
3. How can we face future economic difficulties?

PRAYER: Lord of life, help us to see that our real home is in heaven, and that we are just passing through this earth. May we live for the eternal by investing our lives in bringing souls to Your kingdom and storing treasure in heaven. In Your glorious name, Amen.



DAY 3

GIVING TO GOD

“Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.”

READINGS:

Deut. 16:17; Matt. 6:24; 2 Cor. 9:7-8

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. Why do we have to give to God if He already owns all that we have?
2. Why was the New Testament Corinthian church exhorted to give in spite of having so little?
3. What should our attitude and mindset be in giving to the Lord?

PRAYER: Lord of heaven and earth, You have proved Yourself to be faithful in providing for our every need. Teach us to be generous givers and express our love to You through the many material gifts You lavish upon us. In Your holy name, Amen.



DAY 4

GIVING TO OTHERS

“Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.”

READINGS:

Matt. 5:42; 6:2-5; 1 Tim. 6:17-19

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. What kind of giving does the Lord take notice of?
2. During this pandemic, how can we help those in need? What creative ways might we consider in order to be a blessing to others?
3. Where can we place our hopes during this critical time of scarcity?

PRAYER: Gracious Father, open our eyes to the needs of those around us. Help us to be instruments of blessing to the needy, the hurting, and the downcast. May we reach out and touch others even when we might be in need ourselves. In Jesus' name, Amen.



DAY 5

BEING GOOD STEWARDS

*“Poor is he who works with a negligent hand,
but the hand of the diligent makes rich.”*

READINGS:

Prov. 10:4; Matt. 25:14-30

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. What is meant by being a steward? What is the difference between owning and being a steward?
2. How does the Lord want us to glorify Him with the money He has entrusted to us?
3. Name some specific ways you can be a good steward during this crisis.

PRAYER: Lord God, You are the owner of everything we have. You are the giver of all gifts. Forgive us for squandering what You have entrusted to us and show us how to be Your faithful stewards. In the name of Jesus, Your Son, Amen.

