

MARINERS CHURCH



Giving 9.5.21

Your promise revives me; it comforts me in all my troubles. Psalm 119:50

And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. 2 Peter 1:4 (NLT)

When we're generous... God promises to bless us.

Blessed are those who are generous.... Proverbs 22:9 (NLT)

Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. Proverbs 11:24 (NLT)

"When you are harvesting your crops and forget to bring in a bundle of grain from your field, don't go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigners, orphans, and widows. Then the LORD your God will bless you in all you do. When you beat the olives from your olive trees, don't go over the boughs twice. Leave the remaining olives for the foreigners, orphans, and widows. Deuteronomy 24:19-20 (NLT)

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. Psalm 112:5 (NLT)

God promises to meet our needs.

"Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." -Jesus, Luke 6:38

*"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" 2 Corinthians 9:6
Give freely and spontaneously. Don't have a stingy heart. The way you handle matters like this triggers God's blessing in everything you do. Deuteronomy 15:10 (MSG)*

God promises to use us to touch others



"It is more blessed to give than to receive." -Jesus, Acts 20:35

Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. Isaiah 58:10 (NLT)

God promises to open the windows of heaven.

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!" Malachi 3:10 (NLT)

"Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." Matthew 6:21

Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup*

Talk together about the value of a promise. What assurances do promises from trustworthy sources do for you?

Look together at Deuteronomy 24:19-22. Talk about what God is revealing to us here. How would this change someone's attitude about people? About your 'stuff' or work product?

Talk about God's abundant provision in light of our generosity. How does trusting His promise to meet our needs free us to be generous? What keeps us from trusting Him to meet our needs? (Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:10).

Talk about the joy you receive in touching others.

Meeting one's physical needs is joyful, talk about how giving to your church works to meet one's spiritual needs. Do we place enough importance on that?

Pray for each other!

*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at len@marinerscc.org