

Friday, March 5

Readings: Psalm 63:1-8
 Daniel 12:1-4
 Revelation 3:1-6

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Share abundantly

as we have received. The purpose of these gifts is for the good of the community of God. We give to build up the body of Christ. We use and share our gifts for the benefit of all.

“... and God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”
 2 Corinthians 8:3

Prayer: *Lord God, you give to us in abundance desiring that we use your good gifts to benefit all people. Empower us to respond in faith in all that we do so that our actions bring glory to your holy name. Amen.*

Focal Verse: “I know your works; you have a name of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is on the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God.”
 Revelation 3:1b-2

Reflection: Our Response To God’s Generosity

We are called to use the abundant blessings God has given us to follow Jesus Christ as His disciple. Contrary to what our American culture teaches us, there is no such thing as a “self-made man.” We are stewards – not owners – of the money and possessions in our care. As good stewards we use the talents, contacts, inheritance, education and opportunities God gave us to build up some measure of wealth. With that comes the responsibility to share our abundance with those who have less and respond to God’s generosity with a gift that is both planned and proportionate.

Gratefully reflect on how generous God has been to you and your family. When we recall earlier times, almost everyone can see that they are better off now than before, or better off financially than their parents were. Our lifestyle is a reflection of God’s generosity to us.

Keep your giving proportionate. “For everything is from You and we only give You what we have received from You.” (1 Chronicles 29:14)³²

What do you hear?
 How does it make you feel?
 Toward what are you being drawn?
 What do you sense you should do?

³² www.archatl.com/offices/stewardship/pdfs/stewardship-treasure.pdf