



Discovering Moments that can heal your Heart!

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Giving Moments

- What is the greatest gift you have been given?
- We asked God for salvation but many of us failed to give Him what was needed for an effective relationship in salvation...EVERYTHING!
- "As we go deeper in God, He reveals more of who we are...we then have to give that (what was revealed) to Him." - First Lady Monnique Barron

Before you give anything else, consider first giving yourself completely to God

2 Corinthians 8:1-5 Amplified Bible

1 Now, brothers and sisters, we want to tell you about the grace of God which has been evident in the churches of Macedonia [awakening in them a longing to contribute]; 2 for during an ordeal of severe distress, their abundant joy and their deep poverty [together] overflowed in the wealth of their lavish generosity. 3 For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave voluntarily, 4 begging us insistently for the privilege of participating in the service for [the support of] the saints [in Jerusalem]. 5 **Not only [did they give materially] as we had hoped, but first they gave themselves to the Lord and to us [as His representatives] by the will of God [disregarding their personal interests and giving as much as they possibly could].**

Giving Moment

James 4:6-8 Easy-to-Read Version

6 But the kindness God shows is greater. As the Scripture says, "God is against the proud, but he is kind to the humble." 7 So **give yourselves to God**. Stand against the devil, and he will run away from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. You are sinners, so clean sin out of your lives. You are trying to follow God and the world at the same time. Make your thinking pure.

James 4:6-8 Living Bible

6 But he gives us more and more strength to stand against all such evil longings. As the Scripture says, God gives strength to the humble but sets himself against the proud and haughty. 7 So **give yourselves humbly to God**. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 And when you draw close to God, God will draw close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and **let your hearts be filled with God alone** to make them pure and true to him.

- Be intentional about coming closer to God; also do an honest check on who and what you are following.

Psalm 37:5-9 Good News Translation

5 Give yourself to the Lord; trust in Him, and he will help you; 6 He will make your righteousness shine like the noonday sun. 7 Be patient and wait for the Lord to act; don't be worried about those who prosper or those who succeed in their evil plans. 8 Don't give in to worry or anger; it only leads to trouble. 9 Those who trust in the Lord will possess the land, but the wicked will be driven out.

Psalm 37:5-9 The Message

5-6 Open up before God, keep nothing back; He'll do whatever needs to be done: He'll validate your life in the clear light of day and stamp you with approval at high noon. 7 Quiet down before God, be prayerful before him. Don't bother with those who climb the ladder, who elbow their way to the top. 8-9 Bridle your anger, trash your wrath, cool your pipes—it only makes things worse. Before long the crooks will be bankrupt; God-investors will soon own the store.

Joshua 1:8 New Living Translation

Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

Psalm 119:11 Easy-to-Read Version

I study your teachings very carefully so that I will not sin against you.

Psalm 119:11 Contemporary English Version

I treasure your word above all else; it keeps me from sinning against you.

Psalm 119:11 Amplified Bible

Your word I have treasured and stored in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

Romans 6:13 New Living Translation

Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, **give yourselves completely to God**, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.

Romans 6:12-14 The Message

12-14 That means you must not give sin a vote in the way you conduct your lives. Don't give it the time of day. Don't even run little errands that are connected with that old way of life. Throw yourselves wholeheartedly and full-time—remember, you've been raised from the dead!—into God's way of doing things. Sin can't tell you how to live. After all, you're not living under that old tyranny any longer. You're living in the freedom of God.

- Our lives are changed forever when we realize what we have been given.

Job 22:21-25 The Message

21-25 "Give in to God, come to terms with him and everything will turn out just fine. Let him tell you what to do; take his words to heart. Come back to God Almighty and he'll rebuild your life. Clean house of everything evil. Relax your grip on your money and abandon your gold-plated luxury. God Almighty will be your treasure, more wealth than you can imagine.

Job 22:21-25 Easy-to-Read Version

21 "Now, Job, give yourself to God and make peace with him. Do this, and you will get many good things. 22 **Accept his teaching. Pay attention to what he says.** 23 **If you return to God All-Powerful, you will be restored. But remove the evil from your house.** 24 Think of your gold as nothing but dirt. Think of your finest gold as rocks from a stream. 25 And let God All-Powerful be your gold. Let him be your pile of silver.

- **Acknowledge** (Repent) - **Believe** (in faith receive God's Word) - **Confess** Pray (Word & Heart) - **Demonstrate** (Become a doer of the Word you learn, not just a hearer)

Romans 12:1-2 Easy-to-Read Version

1 So I beg you, brothers and sisters, because of the great mercy God has shown us, **offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him—an offering that is only for God and pleasing to him.** Considering what he has done, it is only right that you should worship him in this way. 2 Don't change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but let God change you inside with a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to understand and accept what God wants for you. You will be able to know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect.

Romans 12:1-2 Amplified Bible

1 Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God,** which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

- What is the greatest gift you have received?

John 3:16 Easy-to-Read Version

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him would not be lost but have eternal life.

2 Timothy 1:7 Easy-to-Read Version

The Spirit God gave us does not make us afraid. His Spirit is a source of power and love and self-control.