



**International Day Of Prayer
For The Persecuted Church
November 7, 2021**

Scripture: Matthew 16:25 (AMP), For whoever wishes to save his life [in this world] will [eventually] lose it [through death], but whoever loses his life [in this world] for My sake will find it [that is, life with Me for all eternity].

Prayer Focus

Pray that persecuted believers globally will endure opposition and advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

November Prayer Challenge

Commit to be an Advocate for the Persecuted Christians for the next 10 Days by using the Prayer Guide to pray for specific countries. Monday, November 8 – 17, 2021.

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**November Sermon Series:
LIVING A LIFE OF GENEROSITY**

**“Generosity is an act.
It’s a way of life.”**

Lesson One
THE HEART OF GENEROSITY



**Jesus measures the magnitude
of our generosity by what we
have remaining.**

Today's Principle

Generosity is not determined by the size of the gift but by the size of the sacrifice.

Scripture Lesson
MARK 12:41-44



Mark 12:41-44 (MSG), Sitting across from the offering box, He was observing how the crowd tossed money in for the collection. Many of the rich were making large contributions. One poor widow came up and put in two small coins—a measly two cents.

Jesus called His disciples over and said, “The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they’ll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn’t afford—she gave her all.”

Mark 12:43-44 (NIV), I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.

1. Jesus Sees Our Actions.

**Proverbs 16:2 All a person's
ways seem pure to them, but
motives are weighed by the
LORD.**

**“People do what you inspect
not what you expect.”**

2. Jesus Knows Our Sacrifice.

3. Jesus Promotes Godly Examples.

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the gift but by the size of the
sacrifice.**

**1. Leave a Legacy Not
Just an Inheritance.**

Inheritance is about money and possessions, but a legacy is about the person.

- **INHERITANCE** is something you leave to a person(s).
- **LEGACY** is something you leave in a person(s).
- An inheritance is something given to a person. A legacy is an impact made on a person.

- **Inheritance is gifts received.**
- **Legacy is values imparted.**
- **Inheritance is a temporary reward.**
- **Legacy is an eternal reward.**

**2. Be a Giver, Not Just a
Taker.**

A blessed life is a life of contribution, provision, and cheerful giving. Life is in the giving, not in the taking.

**3. Make a Difference, Not
Just a Living.**

**People make a living by
what they earn. People make
a difference by what they
give.**

Mark 9:41, Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

**Proverbs 3:27, Do not withhold
good from those to whom it is
due, when it is in your power to
do it.**

**II Samuel 24:24, I will not offer
burnt offerings to the Lord
my God which cost me nothing.**

John 3:16, For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Ephesians 1:5-6, Long, long ago He decided to adopt us into His family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure He took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter the celebration of His lavish gift-giving by the hand of His beloved Son.