



Weekly Bible Study Resources

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Golden Text

[1Ch 29:13-14 NLT] 13 "our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name! 14 Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!

Responsive Reading

[Mal 3:10-12 NLT] 10 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! 11 Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. 12 "Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

[2Co 9:6-11 NLT] 6 Remember this--a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. 7 You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." 8 And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 9 As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever." 10 For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. 11 Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

Section I

1] [Deu 15:6, 11 NLT] 6 The LORD your God will bless you as he has promised.... 11 I am commanding you to share freely with the poor and with other Israelites in need.

2] [Deu 30:9 NLT] 9 "The LORD your God will then make you successful in everything you do. He will give you many children and numerous livestock, and he will cause your fields to produce abundant harvests,

3] [Rth 2:1-2, 5-6, 8, 10-12 NLT] 1 Now there was a wealthy and influential man in Bethlehem named Boaz, who was a relative of Naomi's husband, Elimelech. 2 One day Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go out into the harvest fields to pick up the stalks of grain left behind by anyone who is kind enough to let me do it." ... 5 Then Boaz asked his foreman, "Who is that young woman over there? Who does she belong to?" 6 And the foreman replied, "She is the young woman from Moab who came back with Naomi. ... 8 Boaz went over and said to Ruth, "Listen, my daughter. Stay right here with us when you gather grain; don't go to any other fields. Stay right behind the young women working in my field. ... 10 Ruth fell at his feet and thanked him warmly. "What have I done to deserve such kindness?" she asked. "I am only a foreigner." 11 "Yes, I know," Boaz replied. "But I also know about everything you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband. I have heard

how you left your father and mother and your own land to live here among complete strangers. 12 May the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done."

4] [Phl 4:4, 6, 19 NLT] 4 Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again--rejoice! ... 6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ... 19 this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Section II

5] [Rom 12:9, 20 NLT] 9 Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them.... 20 "If your enemies are hungry, feed them.

6] [1Sa 25:14-18, 23-24, 28, 32-33, 35 NLT] 14 one of Nabal's servants went to Abigail and told her, "David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master, but he screamed insults at them. 15 These men have been very good to us, and we never suffered any harm from them. Nothing was stolen from us the whole time they were with us. 16 In fact, day and night they were like a wall of protection to us and the sheep. 17 You need to know this and figure out what to do, for there is going to be trouble for our master and his whole family. 18 Abigail wasted no time. She quickly gathered 200 loaves of bread, two wineskins full of wine, five sheep that had been slaughtered, nearly a bushel of roasted grain, 100 clusters of raisins, and 200 fig cakes. She packed them on donkeys ... 23 When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and bowed low before him. 24 She fell at his feet and said, "I accept all blame in this matter, my lord. ... 28 Please forgive me if I have offended you in any way. The LORD will surely reward you with a lasting dynasty, for you are fighting the LORD's battles. And you have not done wrong throughout your entire life. ... 32 David replied to Abigail, "Praise the LORD, the God of Israel, who has sent you to meet me today! 33 Thank God for your good sense! Bless you for keeping me from murder and from carrying out vengeance with my own hands. ... 35 Then David accepted her present and told her, "Return home in peace. I have heard what you said. We will not kill your husband."

7] [Psa 118:1 NLT] 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

8] [Col 3:17 NLT] 17 And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

Section III

9] [Luk 7:37-40, 46-47 NLT] 37 When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. 38 Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them. 39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She's a sinner!" 40 Then Jesus answered his thoughts. "Simon," he said to the Pharisee, "I have something to say to you." ... 46 You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume. 47 "I tell you, her sins--and they are many--have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love.

10] [Psa 26:6-7 NLT] 6 I wash my hands to declare my innocence. I come to your altar, O LORD, 7 singing a song of thanksgiving and telling of all your wonders.

11] [Psa 23:5 NLT] 5 You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

Section IV

12] [2Co 2:14 NLT] 14 thank God! He has made us his captives and continues to lead us along in

Christ's triumphal procession. Now he uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume.

13] [Jhn 11:1, 17, 41-44 NLT] 1 A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. ... 17 When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days. ... 41 Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. 42 You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me." 43 Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"

14] [Col 2:6-7 NLT] 6 And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. 7 Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

15] [2Co 9:15 NLT] 15 Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!

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