Welcome to your 40 day journey through Scripture passages on finances and generosity.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”
Ps 119:105

Day 1 - God is the Owner of everything (including all that you currently have or ever will have).
Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life.

Ps 50:10-12 (God says) “Every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills…and the creatures of the field are mine…the world is mine, and all that is in it.”

Hag 2:8 “The silver is mine and the gold is mine,” declares the LORD Almighty.

1 Chron 29:11-12 “Everything in heaven and earth is yours (O Lord)…Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.”

Lev 25:23 (God says) “The land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants.”

1 Chron 29:14-16 (David’s prayer after people gave generously to a building project) “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.”

Ps 24:1 The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

If we belong to Christ, it’s logical that everything we have truly belongs to Him.

When we give to God, we are just taking our hands off what already belongs to Him.
Day 2 - God is the Provider of every good thing in your life.

**James 1:17** Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.

**Eph 1:3-4** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

**1 Chron 29:11-14** (David prayed) “Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all...Everything comes from you…”

**Prov 8:18-22** (God says) “Unending riches, honor, justice, and righteousness are mine to distribute. My gifts are better than the purest gold or sterling silver!...Those who love and follow me are indeed wealthy. I fill their treasuries.”

As thunder follows lightning, giving follows grace.
When God’s grace touches you, you can’t help but respond with generous giving.  Randolph Alcorn

Give to God what’s right—not what’s left.

Day 3 - Your role is to be the trustee, manager and steward of 100% of what God entrusts to you during your lifetime.

**Col 3:17, 23-24** Whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus….Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

**Rom 14:7-8** None of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord.

**Matt 25:19-21, 24-26** "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'” . . . Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant!…’”

**1 Cor 4:2** It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.

Your bank and credit card statements are theological documents. They tell who and what you worship.

Martin Luther said, “People go through 3 conversions: The conversion of their head, their heart and their pocketbook. Unfortunately, not all at the same time.” Have you gone through all 3 conversions yet?
Day 4 - God watches your giving.

**Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:**

*Mark 12:41-44* Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "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."

*Luke 21:1* Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury.

*2 Cor 8:12* For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

*Exod 35:22,27,29* All who were willing, men and women alike, came and brought gold jewelry of all kinds: brooches, earrings, rings and ornaments. They all presented their gold as a wave offering to the LORD…The leaders brought onyx stones and other gems…All the Israelite men and women who were willing brought to the LORD freewill offerings for all the work the LORD through Moses had commanded them to do.

*2 Chr 24:10-11* All the officials and all the people brought their contributions gladly, dropping them into the chest until it was full.

*With the price of everything else going up these days aren't you glad the Lord hasn't increased the tithe to 15%?*

Day 5 - You should not become prideful about anything God has entrusted to you.

**Think about, discuss or pray about the verse that relates most to your life:**

*Deut 8:17-18* You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.

*Ps 62:10* If your riches increase, don't be proud.

*Deut 8:11-14* Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God…Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God.

*Jeremiah 9:23-24* The Lord says, "Let not the...rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows Me."

*Ps 39:5-6* Proud man! Fain as breath! A shadow! And all his busy rushing ends in nothing. He heaps up riches for someone else to spend.

*Mark 8:36* What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?

*Prov 16:19* Better to be poor and humble than proud and rich.

*Obadiah 1:3-7* The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who...make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself, 'Who can bring me down to the ground?' Though you soar like the eagle and make your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down," declares the LORD...Oh, what a disaster awaits you...Your friends will deceive and overpower you.

*When a man becomes rich, either God gains a partner or the man loses his soul.*
Day 6 - Even the poor are to give to God from what they have.

THINK ABOUT, DISCUSS OR PRAY ABOUT THE VERSE THAT RELATES MOST TO YOUR LIFE:

Deut 16:16 No man should appear before the LORD empty-handed.

1 Kings 17:10-15 When (Elijah) came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread." "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread-only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it-and die." Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain.'" She went away and did as Elijah had told her. There was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family.

Gen 28:20-22 (While a single young man with no job or income) Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will watch over me... then the LORD will be my God...and of all that you (O God) give me I will give you a tenth."

2 Cor 8:2-4 Though (the Macedonian Christians) have been going through much trouble and hard times, they have mixed their wonderful joy with their deep poverty, and the result has been an overflow of giving to others. They gave not only what they could afford but far more; and I can testify that they did it because they wanted to...They begged us to take the money so they could share in the joy of helping the Christians in Jerusalem.

When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing.

If a pauper gives to God, he'll feel like a prince.
If a prince doesn't give to God, he'll feel like a pauper.

Day 7 - You need to set up a plan to faithfully give 10% OR MORE of your resources to the Lord's work.

THINK ABOUT, DISCUSS OR PRAY ABOUT THE VERSE THAT RELATES MOST TO YOUR LIFE:

1 Cor 16:2 On every Lord's Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn.

Luke 11:42 (Jesus said) “Though you are careful to tithe even the smallest part of your income, you completely forget about justice and the love of God. You should tithe, yes, but you should not leave these other things undone.”

Deut 14:22,23 Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce...The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.

Ex 22:29 "You must be prompt in giving Me the tithe…"

Gen 14:20 Abram gave...a tenth of everything.

Mal 3:8-11 "Will a man rob God? Surely not! And yet you have robbed me. "What do you mean? When did we ever rob you?" You have robbed me of the tithes and offerings due to me. And so the awesome curse of God is cursing you…Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so that there will be food enough in my Temple; if you do, I will open up the windows of heaven for you and pour out a blessing so great you won't have room enough to take it in! "Try it! Let me prove it to you! Your crops will be large, for I will guard them from insects and plagues. Your grapes won't shrivel away before they ripen," says the Lord Almighty.

2 Chron 31:5,12 The people responded immediately and generously with the first of their crops and grain, new wine, olive oil, money, and everything else -- a tithe of all they owned. They faithfully brought in the contributions, tithes and dedicated gifts.