

Father, I know that unless you make me willing, I will always have a hard time honoring you with my finances. Please help my heart to be joyful in serving you.

What percentage of your income have you decided to give this year: _____

How much does that mean you need to set aside each month: _____

WHEN YOU ARE DOUBTING WHETHER YOUR SACRIFICE IS REALLY WORTH IT

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"

"No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." Luke 16

WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE YOU WON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6

WHEN YOU DON'T WANT TO GIVE

This is how we know what love is: Jesus **Christ** laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. I John 3:16-18

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though **he** was rich, yet for your sakes **he** became **poor**, so that you through his poverty might become rich. II Corinthians 8:9

WHEN YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH A FINANCIAL DECISION

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. II Corinthians 9:6-8

WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE GOD IS DISAPPOINTED WITH YOU

The Lord your God is with you all the time. He is a powerful and mighty warrior who saves you. When he thinks of you He exults in festive pleasure and with great delight. At other times He becomes quiet as He reflects on His deep affection for you. He celebrates who you are with joyful singing. Zephaniah 3:17

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "*Abba*, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. Roman 8:15-17

He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.

✦ Jim Elliot

Earn as much as you can, so you can save as much as you can, so you can give as much as you can.

✦ John Wesley

Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me my daily bread.