

ENCOURAGEMENT: BLESS OTHERS

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

2 Corinthians 9:6-9

Memory Verse

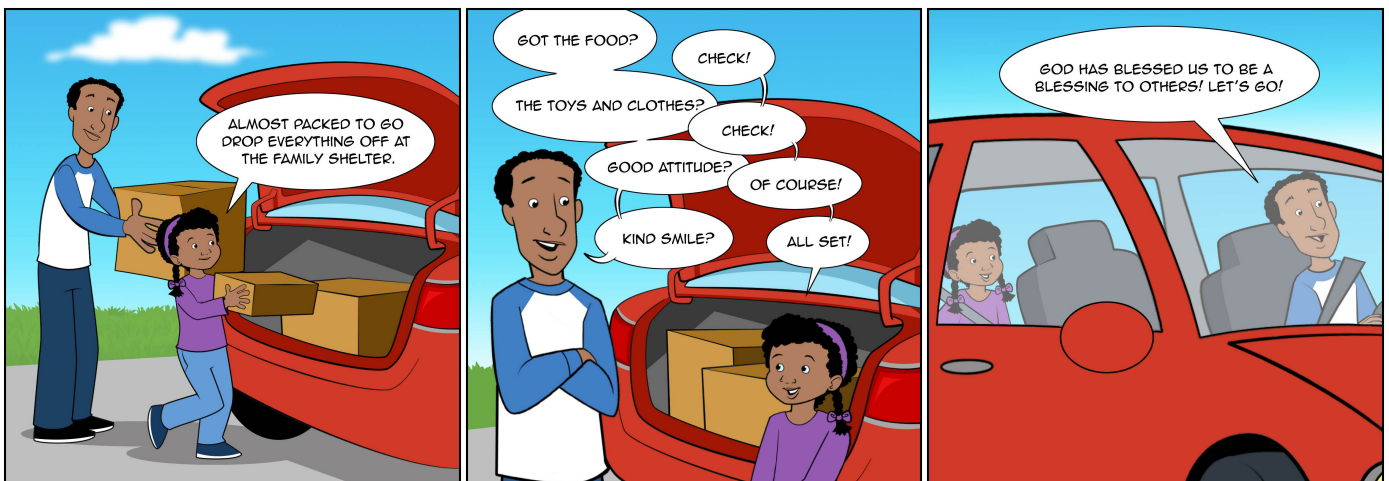
25 Generosity will be rewarded: Give a cup of water, and you will receive a cup of water in return.

Proverbs 11:25



CASEY'S DAY

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Anna was eleven years old when she began her first business. She planned and coordinated with other friends who could babysit and with parents who needed babysitters. She scheduled and worked hard and was blessed with a good paycheck. She knew it wasn't just about making money, because she had a plan that would bless others. That summer she invested in inviting others to summer camp who couldn't afford it. She was blessed to share that week with her friends.

God encourages us to bless others. But what does "blessing others" look like? We can bless others with our words, our actions, and our attitude.

It's not just about money or possessions. Sharing what you have with others is the important thing. Think about what you have and how you might share that with others. Consider that your time, your interest, and your effort are also things that you can share.

A kind word, a cheerful smile, a new friendship, and a helping hand around the house are just some ways of giving to someone else.

Check your attitude. Are you grouchy or happy to share? Giving should come from the heart and not because you feel that you have to do it (2 Corinthians 9:7). When we are happy about sharing, we can call it a blessing. The joy of seeing others happy because of what we have shared becomes a blessing to us (Proverbs 11:25).

The more we bless others, the more like Jesus we become. Jesus is a wonderful example to us of how we might be a blessing to others. Today looks like a great day to begin to grow by sharing with someone else.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you that we each have something to share with someone else. Help me be a blessing to someone else today with my words, my actions, and my attitude. Amen.

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