

The Christian Center Newsletter 1-19-25

The Biggest Characteristic of Our Father God - He is a Giver!

In this Newsletter we will be exploring our Father God's most predominant characteristic, which is He is Love and Love always gives. We don't have to talk our Father God into giving to us, because that's what He is all about. I'm convinced that the church has misrepresented our Father God and that's why the church doesn't expect that much from Him. The devil has tried to paint our Father God out to be a God of punishment instead of a God of salvation and redemption. God never, ever wanted to punish mankind. If He wanted to punish us, He would never have allowed His Son, Jesus, to be punished in our place. Mankind hasn't been able to receive much from God, because He has been lied about. Well this is a new day! We are going to see in this Newsletter that your Father God will always be willing to give, if you can believe that He wants to give. There is so much we need from our Father God; and He will give it to us, if we ask Him for it in faith. I'm going to show you in Scripture that God always gives to His children when they believe He will.

John 3:16-18 KJV 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. [17] For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. [18] He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God.

Luke 15:11-24 KJV And He said, A certain man had two sons: [12] And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. [13] And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. [14] And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. [15] And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. [16] And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. [17] And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! [18] I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto

him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, [19] And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. [20] And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. [21] And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. [22] But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: [23] And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it ; and let us eat, and be merry: [24] For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

The father of the son in these Scripture verses is a type of Father God. He did not want to punish his son; he wanted to forgive him and restore him. In fact he started giving him his love and his substance. This is exactly what our Father wants to do for us. I think that the church could really live more blessed than they could ever imagine, if they just thought about their Father giving to them unconditionally. Somehow the devil has convinced people that we have to work for God in order to receive His goodness. This is a lie! If you work for something, it's no longer a gift. Now we will serve the Lord because we love Him, but not to get from Him.

When the elder son came in and found his father blessing his younger brother, he was so mad. The reason was because he didn't know his father's loving and giving character.

Luke 15:25-32 KJV Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing. [26] And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. [27] And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. [28] And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him. [29] And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: [30] But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. [31] And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. [32] It

was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

Today, believe your Father loves you and wants to give you all that He is. Your life will be radically changed!

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday
1 Thessalonians 1

Tuesday
1 Thessalonians 2

Wednesday
1 Thessalonians 3

Thursday
1 Thessalonians 4

Friday
1 Thessalonians 5

Saturday
2 Thessalonians 1

Sunday
2 Thessalonians 2

STAY CONNECTED

** If you need prayer, call our Prayer Line 580-704-0505

** Singles will be eating after Services at: Milano's 1424 NW Sheridan Rd.

** Relationship Class 10am-noon Saturday 1-25-25 in Fellowship Hall

** The Christian Center app- <https://subsplash.com/thechristiancenter/app>

** You can text to give through the TCC app.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES at 9:45am

Children — 6 months - 5th grade

Youth — 6th -12th grades

Young Singles/College & Career —ages 18-26 Eliav/Kim Nash

ADULT CLASSES

*Foundation 1 - Pastor Paul

*Healing - Lester/Monica Witherspoon

*Faith - Mike Whitley

*Marriage -Danny/Demetrice Williams

*Foundation 2 - Mike Wiggins

*Prayer - Joe Cunningham

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Daily

*Early Morning Prayer; Sanctuary: Mon-Fri
6:15-7:15am

* Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon-Fri 10-11am in Gym

* Noonday Bible Study: M-F 12:15 in Sanctuary or 91.1fm or live stream on TCC app

Weekly

** Sunday Services: 9:45am classes; 10:45am Main Service

** Monday Night Care Group: In Sanctuary under balcony 7pm

** Wednesday Night Prayer: 6pm in Foundation 1 Class

** Wednesday Night: Adult & Youth Services 7pm (Youth meet in Youth area)

**Mobile Prayer:Fri 2-3:30pm Hobby Lobby parking lot

** Friday Night Prayer: 7pm in Sanctuary under balcony

Monthly

*** Men's Fellowship: 1st Sat. 9am at Golden Corral

*** Crosses at the Corner: 1st Sat. 11am-1pm corner of Sheridan and Cache Rd.

*** Women's Meeting: 2nd Sat. 9am in Fellowship Hall

*** Women's Discipleship: 3rd Thurs. 5pm in Sanctuary

*** Horse Ministry: 3rd Sat. 1-3pm at Camp Faith

*** Relationship Class: 4th Sat. 10am-12 in Fellowship Hall