

**Week 6 | Discipline: Generosity | Day 37: Wednesday, Nov 18th Scripture: Luke II
Cor. 9:15 | Ps. 46:10| by: Wanda Pardoe**

Do you like gifts? What is the best gift you have ever received? Imagine the priceless, precious Gift words cannot describe!

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift. NIV 2 Corinthians 9:15

Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift. KJV

Jesus' life, death and resurrection represents the act of sacrifice in love. Love for each of us, all we need to do is accept him in our hearts. I cannot imagine giving one of my children up for anyone, and yet it was done for all of us. What a sacrifice and extraordinary gift! It makes me cry when I imagine that He died for me.

God is very generous and kind to us. Giving is mentioned over 1500 times in the Bible. I hope when you read this you feel like you have been given the best gift ever. Some people just open gifts, or you have the shakers, and guessers, opening gifts you worked hard getting for them. Like gifts we need to open our Bibles. Shake things up and learn God's ways, his character. Then share the gift we learn with others.

God is full of grace and generosity, full of love just when we need it. I started writing this the day before the one year anniversary of my mother-in-law Marlene's going home to heaven. And our gracious God gave me a devotion right on my computer which had her favorite verse, Psalm 46:10 *Be still and know that I am God*. It gave me so much peace and love, I was just in awe of him. I was blessed with a great mother and mother-in-law. He is such a generous God; he often puts people into our lives to be our gifts. I love gifts but the most precious gifts are God and my family. I am not a very still person, so I need to be reminded to be still in him. Then we will get our love buckets filled, so we can then give love to others. I am thankful for the reminder that God has everything under control.

Lord quiet our hearts and minds to be more focused and to be still in you. Lord, I want to mirror your character and be your ambassador. Please let us all be generous and share your love with others, encouraging the cycle of kindness and love. With gratitude and joy recognizing all you have done and still do for us. It will look different for all of us. Please help us see other's needs, share a smile with someone, listen, put a cart back at the store for someone, give a meal, or have a conversation. Help us pray for someone to receive your gift. Thank you for your gifts, and may we never forget your ultimate gift to us!

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