

GLADNESS AND GENEROSITY: OTHER RESOURCES

Going further with the habit... IDEAS:

- *Plan the experience, and to be generous; ask the Holy Spirit to show you who to bless. (Heb 10:24 Let us consider how we can spur one another on towards love & good deeds.)
- *Prayerfully consider who to practice generosity with? Share/pool ideas ☺
- *Start a GENEROSITY JOURNAL; these can be creative, encouraging and wonderful to reflect back to as you practice this habit. Note in your journal what you did and how you felt about it, and anything that was a positive experience...or prayer requests from people you've met along the way. Write in it what you are most GLAD for; 'Coffee & Bible Time' on YouTube is good for journaling.
- *Look at Random Acts of Kindness www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-ideas
- *Take turns to have a friendly coffee morning in each other's homes. Do this in TWO's, it's fun to do these things as a ministry together with others, and helpful as you extend invitations to various groups you are involved in, (share the tasks too...and feedback to others God's blessings).
- *Intentionally give a lift to a neighbour when passing the Bus Stop; or take them shopping.
- *Invite a few people round for lunch...
- *The URC website gives an idea of the many resources for those wishing to delve into the Biblical text <https://devotions.urc.org.uk>
Follow the link to sign up to the United Reformed Church's Daily Devotions.
- *Children's ideas <https://40acts.org/80jef09jwned> section of this website there is everything needed for children and young people including word searches & puzzle pages, colouring sheet, activity suggestions; probably provide most things needed for a Messy Church approach to Holy Habits & Biblical Teaching. *Pinterest has many printable ideas for activities for adults and children; just type in your KEY WORDS in the SEARCH bar.

WORSHIP SONGS

- Boldly I approach your throne (Worship Together songs)
- Father Abraham has many sons (Children's song, Kids Praise & Worship, kididdles.com/lyrics)
- God loves a cheerful giver, give Him all you've got (All age worship, 'God Songs.net')
- Let there be love shared among us
- Love you so much...Hear these praises (Hillsong)
- Holding nothing back (Ideal for youth service...Tim Hughes)
- How deep the Fathers love for me (Stuart Townsend)
- How great is our God (Chris Tomlin)
- My Jesus My Saviour (Christian web resources)
- Once again I look upon the Cross (Matt Redman)
- Rejoice, rejoice Christ is in you (Graham Kendrick)
- Take me back (Andrae Crouch)
- Tell out my soul (Traditional Music Library)

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This is the day the Lord has made (Hymnal.net)
We are an army of ordinary people (Dave Bilborough)
We shall enter His gates with thanksgiving (Hymnal.net)
When I survey the wondrous CROSS (Hymn site.com)
Your grace covers me (We are worship.com)
Your words are better than life (Noel Richards)
Arts & Media:

MOVIES

Pollyanna (U, 1960, 2h14m)

A young girl, Pollyanna moves to live with her embittered aunt in the early 1900's. She introduces her aunt, and the rest of the town to her 'glad game', and shows her determination to see the best in life. She soon turns around the attitude of the town, who in turn help her to see good in life when tragedy happens. Based on a book by Eleanor H. Porter.

Questions:

- What does Pollyanna bring that is wholesome and healing to others?
- Is she unrealistic, or just hopeful about other people?
- How is she a gift to others?
- Are you willing to give her 'Glad Game' a whirl?

Pay it Forward (12, 2000, 2hr3m)

Trevor is given a school project to find a way of changing the world. He suggests doing three undeserved favours and asking the recipients to then do three undeserved favours to three other people, thus 'paying it forward'.

Based on a book by Catherine Ryan Hyde; there is a young readers edition too.

Questions:

- How does this film relate to Jesus' challenge in Luke 14:12-14?
- How can the example help us to cultivate the habit of Gladness and Generosity?

BOOKS

The Gift. Celia Ahern (Harper, 2012)

A thought provoking story of a man who came to learn the importance of being generous to others in the way he uses his time.

Questions: How do we show Generosity with our time?
Do we exercise Gladness with that Generosity?

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