I may get sick or hurt or tired, but the strength that comes from Yahweh will always be in my heart. (Psalm 73:26)

See It:

'When the queen of Sheba heard of Solomon's fame, which honoured the name of the Lord, she came to test him with really hard questions. She arrived in Jerusalem with a large group of her servants and a great caravan of camels loaded with spices, large quantities of gold, and precious jewels. When she met with Solomon, she talked with him about everything she had on her mind. Solomon had answers for all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her.' (1 Kings 10:1-3)

On it:

The Queen of Sheba visited King Solomon, and she was outlandish in her generosity. She gave. And yet, 2 Chronicles 9:12 tells that she left with more from him than she had given! Solomon out-gave her! God calls us to give. How do we give when we give our money to God? 'Make His glory your joy, your conscience, your guide, and the Salvation of men, for time and eternity, the supreme object for which you live and trade and do everything else, and you will not go astray on this subject.' (William Booth) What is he saying? Well, the Bible encouraged us to give a tenth of our pocket money to God. But you can give more! Work out what you think you could give, and then give that and keep the rest.

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential Salvationist expansionists: George Scott Railton – instigator; Henri Becquet – Congo, now the country with the highest percentage Salvationists; Karl Larsson – Eastern Europe and Russia; Fred Clark – contributed significantly expansion in Central Africa; James Barker – Australia; Hanna Ouchterlony (OF) – Sweden; Henry Bullard – India & Japan; Francis Simmonds – South Africa; Tom Lewis – mid-century missionary in South Africa expanding through that continent.

Do It:

Choose a name off this list, and research one fact about that Salvationist. Have you lost the facts from last time? If yes, your second challenge is to find them!



in it:

'Having food and clothing, we will be content.' (Songbook: from song 921)

Eat It:

'Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.' (Luke 6:38)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Zechariah 10-12, Psalm 126, & Luke 14

Your Kingdom will go on and on forever. You will be like the moon and stars that are always there each night. I will look at them and remember that You are with me forever! (Psalm 89:37)

See It:

'Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! But you ask, "What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?" You have cheated Me of the tithes and offerings due to me. You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in My Temple. If you do, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, I will open the windows of Heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put Me to the test!' (Malachi 3:8)

On It:

How do we cheat God? By not giving Him what we owe Him! Remember, we owe Him, technically, everything and He owns everything we have. But to help us remember that, He requires us to give Him 10% of our money, plus gifts and offerings. God doesn't tell us to test Him, EXCEPT right here. 'Test Me', He challenges! Fire the tithe and see if God doesn't bless your socks off. In The Salvation Army, we FIRE CARTRIDGES – a cartridge explodes a charge or bullet. We are firing our money to God and He uses it to attack the enemy. So, fire away!

Live It:

Here are some influential and sacrificial Salvationists: Arnolis Weerasooriya – Buddhist convert family in Sri Lanka, PtG in service to the sick; first Indian CS; Narayana Muthaiah – Hindu convert in South India; persecuted; Herbert Lord – Korea and Singapore prisoner; Sara Broadbent – Early Martyr (represents all the martyrs); Eva Den Hartog Africa, India, Asia medical work; Alida Bosshardt OF – Holland; Harry Williams OF – India hospitals; Dudley Gardiner MBE
India; Rin Iwasa – Japan; Brigadier Joseph Korbel - Czechoslovakia prisoner; Bartholomew Siebrits – traveling WW2 international auditor.



Eva Den Hartog

Do It:

Choose a name off this list, and then research one fact about that Salvationist.

in it:

'More and more receiving, more and more to give.' (The Songbook: from song 921)

Eat It: Luke 6:38

'Give.' It really isn't rocket science. It is a direct command! We don't choose to give, we just give! We don't give just when we have lots. We give all the time! We don't give because we are generous. We just give! Give, give, give!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Zechariah 13-14, Psalm 147, & Luke 15

I will praise You, Yahweh, for as long as I live! (Psalm 146:2)

See It:

'Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant.' (Galatians 6:7)

On it:

If you practice the piano every day, you will get better at the piano. If you swim every day, you will get better at swimming. If you do your homework every day, you will get better at school. The point? Put in, and you will get something back. It is a Biblical principle. What you plant, you harvest. This is really important! It is not magic; it is just good sense. So, if you want to see revival and have lots of people start coming to your corps, follow the conditions written in Hosea (Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unploughed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until He comes and showers righteousness on you- 10:12). If you want a massive impact in the Kingdom of God, pour massive resources into it! Give your money, your time, and your holiness and see what happens in return. 'I will spend all the time, strength, money, and influence I can on supporting and carrying on the salvation war.' (Articles of War)

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential Salvationist innovators: Herbert Booth – cinema; Arnold Brown – radio and television; David Lamb – restructuring of The Army's social programme, internal governance system; established the migration programme; Mary Murray – early officer involved in SA Red Shield Services; Elizabeth Cottrill – SA social work pioneer; Joe Noland – injected creativity and resource into mission

Do It:

Choose a name off this list, and then research one fact about them.

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in it:

'We have given little, You have given all.' (The Songbook: from song 921)

Eat It: Luke 6:38

'Give, and it will be given to you.' Ok, so we give... but then it says it will come back to us! But it's not a boomerang. It means if you are generous, and you try to help others by giving your money away instead of keeping it all to yourself, God will bless you and will help you out with the things you need.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezra 5-6, Psalm 138, & Luke 16

You are going to be my God forever! Thank You! (Psalm 146:10)

See It:

'Each of you should give what you have decided in your 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... You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.' (2 Corinthians 9:6-12)

On It:

Hallelujah! What a great God we serve! He is able to overflow grace all over us so that whatever we are doing and wherever we are doing it we can abound in every good work. He will make us rich so that we can be generous. But it flows out of a cheerful heart that takes joy in giving. We think you should decide right now, as a kid, that you want to try to be really good in this means of grace. Decide that you want to please God in everything you do, including giving. You will not go wrong if you aim to please Jesus!

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential Salvationists on doctrine: Catherine Booth; Samuel Logan Brengle (OF) - holiness; Erik Wickberg – in whose honour a Salvation Army theological festschrift was published; Roger Green – author of theological histories; Phil Needham – Ecclesiology; Earl Robinson – Doctrine Council; new Handbook; Ecumenism.

"If we are to better the future, we must disturb the present" Catherine Booth

Do It:

Choose a name off this list, and then research one fact about that Salvationist.

in it:

'While our best we bring to You, bless our sacrifice.' (The Songbook: from song 921)

Eat It: Luke 6:38

'A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.' What does that mean!? Well, one suggestion says that it is how they sold food back in Jesus' time. They would fill a bag, and then shake it and press it to get the air out, and then they would fill it some more so that it was completely full and you didn't miss out on anything you deserved.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Esther 1-2, Psalm 150, & Luke 17

Let all that I am, all that I do, all that is in me praise Yahweh! (Psalm 146:1)

See It:

'Many people were willing to give. They included the leaders of families and the officers of the tribes of Israel. They included the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds. They also included the officials who were in charge of the king's work. All of them gave to the work on God's temple. They gave more than 190 tons of gold and 375 tons of silver. They also gave 675 tons of bronze and 3,750 tons of iron. Anyone who had valuable jewels added them to the treasure for the Lord's temple... The people were happy when they saw what their leaders had been willing to give. The leaders had given freely. With their whole heart they had given everything to the Lord. King David was filled with joy.' (1 Chronicles 29:6, 9)

On it:

Sometimes when I am at the Corps, I like to give some money to the kids around me so that they can put it in the offering plate. It is funny to watch some children. The money was never theirs, but once it is in their hand, they sometimes want to keep it and not put it in the plate! God wants us to happily give our money away, and not have to have someone give them a mean looking face first! In this passage, we see that the leaders gave. But not only that, they gave willingly. They did not give because they were forced to, or pressured to, or coaxed to. They wanted to give. And they gave generously. And when the people saw that their leaders had given wholeheartedly and generously, they rejoiced and praised God. Even though you are young you have the opportunity to be a leader in giving. You can be an example to all kinds of people in your generous, wholehearted giving. Aim for it.

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential Salvationist pioneers: Frederick Booth Tucker – India; Kawl Khuma OF – Mizoram, India; King Hudson – Ghana; Philip Rive OF – pioneer officer in the Rhodesias (now Zambia and Zimbabwe); Allister Smith Sr. – consolidated The Army in Zululand; pioneered the work in East Africa; George Pollard -New Zealand; Leonard Kirby Sr. OF - Africa; Eliza Shirley – USA.

Do It:

Choose a name off this list, and then research one fact about that Salvationist.

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In It:

'All of Your children gladly give you more and more.' (The Songbook: from song 921)

Eat It: Luke 6:38

'For with the measure you use.' This is where this verse gets interesting. How generous will you decide to be with your giving? Exactly what you should, a little bit more, or will you give whenever you think someone needs?

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Esther 3-8, & Luke 18

You love everything that You have made, and so do I! Thank You! (Psalm 104:31)

See It:

Suppose I give everything I have to poor people. And suppose I give my body to be burned. If I don't have love, I get nothing at all.' (1 Corinthians 13:3)

On It:

Here's the check. You could go crazy and give everything you have. Praise God. But if you do it out of a sense of duty (that you kind of have to do it) or to look good to others (maybe they'll think you are really holy) then you don't benefit from it. Does that make sense? Your motivation, the reason you give, needs to be love for God. Paul is checking the Corinthians on this point. Sure, give tonnes! But your giving must be accompanied by love. It is similar to our teaching on Faith and Works. If you do a bunch of good things for God but you don't have faith in God, you still go to hell. That is, your good works for God aren't enough to get rid of your sins. You need faith. And the faith WILL BE accompanied by works. Similarly, Love and Giving. You can give without love, and that does NOT please God. But if you love God, giving will follow.

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential Salvationist administrators: Bramwell Booth – system; Arthur Carr – legal secretary and chief of staff; Ron Cox – revision of Netherlands governance and O+R for Officers; George Carpenter – post WW2 unity; Paul DuPlessis – hospitals and world evangelization. (Gen doesn't want to ever be on this list!)

Do It:

Choose a name off this list, and then research one fact about that Salvationist. Make sure you keep all of the facts that you have collected. We will need them for next week!



in it:

'Loving life too much, we will lose it. But dead to self we truly live.' (The Songbook: from song 922)

Eat It: Luke 6:38

'It will be measured to you.' Okay, so is this saying that God will be as generous to you as you are to others? Again, some people think that this means that if they are really generous with their money, God will bless them with wealth and health and all good things. It's NOT LIKE THAT! We don't earn blessings and God is not a drive thru! For me it means that as you give, you will see God more. Give a little, and you will see a little and be frustrated. Give more and you will see more, and you will be so excited by seeing what God is doing!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Esther 9-10, & Luke 19

You always keep your promises, even when I break mine. Thank You, Yahweh! (Psalm 105:8)

See It:

'Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.' (2 Corinthians 8:10, 11)

On It:

This is really important today. And the lesson? Keep your word. Enthusiasm is good. We love it. But without follow-through it is hypocrisy. It is weak and pathetic. And it dishonours the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, be enthusiastic. How fantastic is it that we who live in rich countries have money that can be poured into the poorer countries of the world to help spread the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ! It's amazing. So, when we hear about the opportunities, of course we're going to be psyched and want to give. BUT remember, let's actually turn our excitement into real money that is going to be sent there! Let's keep our world. Let's change the world with our finances, and then let's celebrate!

Live It:

Here are some of the most influential Salvationist pray-ers: Flora Larsson - Books; Check Yee – China; Solomon Perera – Ceylon For Christ; Albert Pepper – holiness teacher; Mina Russell OF – Russell declared that "the Army's greatest need is prayer.... Prayer is the source of spiritual power. The more simply we trust prayer power for guidance in planning, inaugurating, and sustaining our work, the more personally and collectively we will fulfill God's plan and enjoy His blessing." Flora Larsson



Do It:

Choose a name off this list, and then research one fact about that Salvationist.

in it:

'Souls in darkness yet are calling, come and help us still they cry. With our gifts our hearts outpouring, we will help them lest they die.' (The Songbook: from song 922)

Eat It:

'Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.' (Luke 6:38) Have you got it? Try to find the Ron Kennolly song on YouTube and it will help you!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezra 7-8, & Luke 20