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Living Lent | Day 16

Plenty

"Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity."

Joel 2:13 NIV

Encouragement for the Lenten Journey:

Lent is a time to focus; it is a time to grow in our faith and strengthen our walk. It is a time to reflect on what we have in our life and God's many blessings. As we think about our blessings and the way we spend our time, we also have to look at distractions in our daily life. What keeps us from spending time each day with the Lord? How might we be able to focus on helping others?

Webster's dictionary defines plenty as "a large or sufficient amount or quantity; more than enough." We are guilty as humans of always "wanting more." We hear people say, "I will be happy when I make more money, or I will be happier when I have a bigger house." Society teaches us to want or desire more instead of saying we have "plenty". One will never be happy with more and more things without a relationship with Jesus Christ. Our worldly possessions do not matter, and they certainly cannot make us happy.

As believers, we need to focus our attention on our heart and our relationship with Jesus. During this time of Lent, may we pray for guidance to give to others and remember that his love is "plenty" for us - it is all we could possibly need!

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only

Challenge to Prayer and the Exercise of the Privilege of Generosity

As you pray and sacrifice throughout this Lenten Journey, will you take this opportunity to pay forward in generosity a gift of at least \$1 per day throughout the 40 days for the Children of Morningstar? It is a privilege and a blessing to give as we all look forward to Easter and the Resurrection.

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