

Greetings,

Connection Groups are a living part of Miracle Life Family Church. This is where a large Church becomes small. These groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships and the study of God's word (Romans 8:29 and Hebrews 10:24-25).

This week we continued our Stewardship series. Pastor Walker preached a sermon entitled: "Looking up - God is Our Source". This topic focused on how we should always acknowledge that everything we have, belongs to God, and we are just stewards over Gods possessions. In light of this fact, let us give cheerfully and generously to Gods work. Remember! For Gods plan to happen on earth, He needs you and me to partner with Him. I hope this study will help you understand more about giving.

As we seek to make these important giving decisions, we want you to hear from God regarding your giving decision. We have therefore started **14 Days of Prayer** which began on Sunday 5 August and will run up to Saturday 18 August. These prayers will be held each day in the auditorium from 18:00 hours to 19:00 hours. We will also have a prayer walk on the 11 August, with a 25 minute session where you will be able to see where the proposed new buildings will stand and you will have a chance to pray in those places. Be a part of these 14 days of prayer as we Build Together and Influence Generations.

For more information call the Church office on 260 211 840746 or email:
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God bless you!

Pastor Kondwani

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO PRAY OVER THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS

Pray for the members of the Church in line with the Building Campaign:

- That we will know Gods will and fulfil our destiny. **Ephesians 1:11 & Ephesians 4:13.**
- That there is unity of purpose as we embrace the MLFC vision. **1 Corinthians 1:9-10, Philippians 1:27, & Philippians 2:2.**
- That we will be set apart for His purpose in this time and season. **Joshua 3:5, Matthew 26:41-42 & Mathew 6:10.**

THIS WEEK'S STUDY: LOOKING UP - GOD IS OUR SOURCE

A Getting to Know Each Other

What is the most important thing you want in friend?

B Digging Deeper and Application

1. In **Exodus 25:1-2, 8** we see a biblical precedent on giving to build God's Sanctuary. In a few words explain why it is so important to God that we give willingly.
2. Read **Genesis 14:14-20**. In this script we see how Abram acknowledges that God is his source by giving Melchizedek, a priest of God Most High, a tenth of all the goods recovered. How did Abram arrive at this fraction of a tenth?
3. Give reasons why you think tithing is necessary.
4. In **Deuteronomy 8:11-20** we read how Moses warns the children of Israel not to forget the Lord and all His good deeds when they prosper. How can you prevent this from happening in your own life?
5. Explain what you understand by 'giving over and above' and share with the group if you have ever done it. Read **1 Chronicles 29:1-3, 10-17**
6. What is the main motivation for your giving to this building campaign?

C Take Home

Read James 1:17

Take stock of your life and consider the sources you have established along the way. If these sources are not God, then we can refer to them as idols. Let us prune all these fake sources (idols) and change our mindsets and attitudes by acknowledging God's hand in everything we own. We need to die daily to self and make deliberate acknowledgments of God's providence in our lives.