

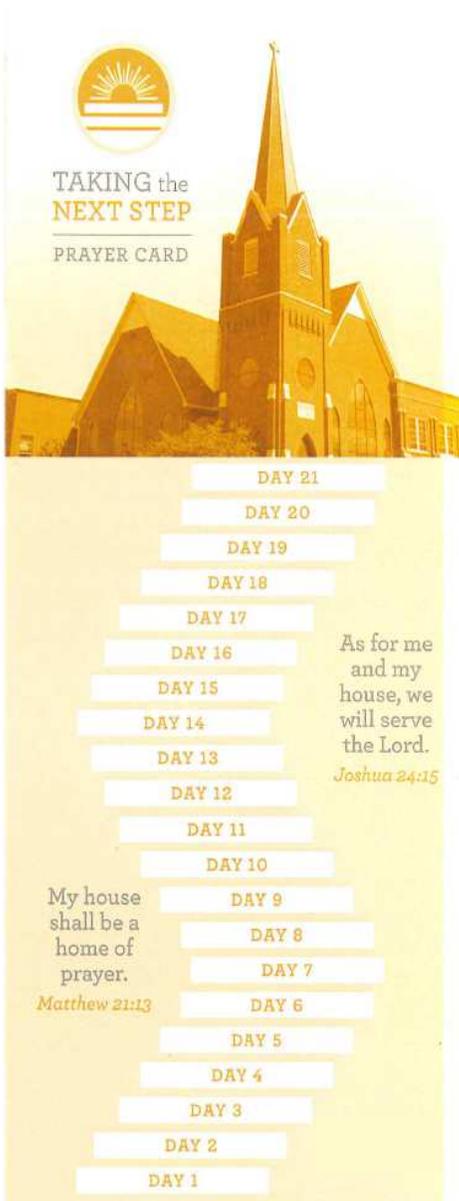
The Vine

From Pastor Doug...

As you know from last month's Vine and from listening in worship, we have been talking a lot about generosity. We began by thinking about how God has been generous to us. Now we are shifting gears and beginning to talk about our response of generosity. You will be hearing more about this in sermons and mailings throughout the next several weeks. As we begin to think about how we respond, I would like to invite you to use two tools. The first is a 21 Day devotional that will be provided to your family. It will be available during worship. I hope that you will take one and read it faithfully each day for 21 days. If you are unable to pick one up here, please let us know and we can email it to your or send it to you in the mail.

Also, I would invite you to use the 21 day prayer guide. The instructions are enclosed. You are being asked to spend 15 minutes in prayer each day. There is a daily scripture to use for reflection.

Our generosity to God is grounded in our Spiritual life, which is why these components are so important as we share in this emphasis together. I hope you will consider using both of these tools.



You are encouraged to pray daily during the 21 days of our generosity campaign. Each time you pray, fill in the "step" for that day as God leads you to *Take the Next Step*.

The Bible tells us to "Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7) As you are praying, ask God to give you wisdom and guidance for Taking the Next Step in your journey of faith, commitment and heartfelt generosity.

Try to find a quiet place where you will not be interrupted and set aside at least 15 minutes each day to experience God's presence. Talk to God as you would talk to your best friend. Then listen intently for what God may say to you.

As part of your prayer time, you may also want to read through the following Scriptures, drawn from the daily devotions in the book "Practice Extravagant Generosity". It is through Scripture that God speaks to us most clearly.

Day 1	Luke 6:38	Day 12	Matthew 6:38
Day 2	Luke 13:20	Day 13	2 Cor. 8:9
Day 3	Luke 8:5	Day 14	Matthew 6:19-21
Day 4	1 Tim. 6:18-19	Day 15	Psalms 116:12
Day 5	2 Cor. 8:24	Day 16	2 Cor. 8:3-4
Day 6	Galatians 5:22-23	Day 17	Luke 12:15
Day 7	2 Cor. 8:7	Day 18	Phil. 4:11-13
Day 8	Philippians 4:15	Day 19	Mark 10:25
Day 9	Hebrews 12:2	Day 20	Malachi 3:10
Day 10	John 3:17-19	Day 21	2 Cor. 9:7-11
Day 11	James 1:17		

