



29th September 2019
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
- PROPER 21
Secret of being content



SHARE

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Share about a time when you were in need and someone helped you.

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How does God meet your needs?

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What are the needs of people in your local community? What help is available to them? In what ways could you be more involved?

Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

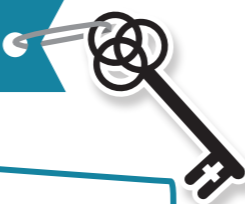
S	Luke 16:19-31	Poor Lazarus and the rich man
M	1 Timothy 6: 6-19	Don't put your hope in wealth
T	Proverbs 22:1-9,16	The rich versus the poor
W	Proverbs 28:11-28	Helpers of the poor lack nothing
T	Ephesians 2:1-10	God is rich in mercy
F	Philippians 4:10-13	The secret of being content
S	Psalms 146	The Lord loves the righteous
S	Luke 17:5-10	Faith the size of a mustard seed



TALK

Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord Jesus, we are truly rich because of you. Help us to be generous to others. Amen.



BLESS

May God fill you with the richness of his love.

Sundays after Pentecost

GREEN is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

Creative Response

Paul urges Christians to 'be rich in good deeds and be generous and willing to share' (1 Timothy 6:18).

Consider these ideas for encouraging a giving spirit in your children:

Help neighbours. Look for opportunities to serve those around you, e.g. do some yard work for an elderly person, bake for someone, make a meal for a sick person.

Give blood. Take your children with you so they see you as a model for giving. Talk to them about why you choose to donate and what it will accomplish.

Make birthdays charitable. Promote birthdays as a time for giving to others. Encourage your children to give away used toys or books that are still in good condition as they receive new gifts.

Care for animals. At regular intervals buy cat or dog food to donate to an animal shelter.

Pitch in. Commit as a household to be part of working bees at your church and to participate in church volunteer roles.

mealtime prayer

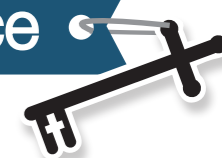
God, we're so blessed with what you've sent. May we be thankful and content. Amen.

verse for the week

After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

1 TIMOTHY 6:7-8

Service



Collect current news stories about people who are suffering from poverty or sickness. Talk about these situations in your home devotions this week.

Pray for the people affected. Is there any way you might be able to help them?

