



PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD

 We are One in Christ
PNW Conference Devotional • Day Five

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:22-23, NRSV

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

REFLECTION: **GENEROSITY**

By Rev. Gregg Sealey

Whenever I think of the word “generosity,” I think of my wife’s grandfather. When my wife and I were first married and in graduate school, he would occasionally pay for us two, poor newlyweds to visit him on the opposite side of the country.

On one of these visits he gave us a check for the amount of the airfare, and when I objected he looked at me sternly and lovingly and said, “Gregg, a gift doesn’t become a gift until it is truly received.” Then he smiled and said, “All you need to do is say ‘thank you.’”

With a grateful tear in my eye I looked at him and said, “Thank you, Grandpa.”

This past September he passed from this life to the next at 93 years-old, but his impact on my life and what he taught me about generosity will not be forgotten.

Generosity is something that I have strived to cultivate throughout my adult life. I have had incredible mentors who have demonstrated generosity, and I find it encompasses every area of my life... How will I spend my time, my money and my energy?

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Will I spend these resources on my own wants and needs, or will I spend them to have an impact on others and to make the realm of God real in this world?

PRAYER

Dear God, we pray that you will continue to cultivate generous hearts in us. Help us to give of our time, our money and our energy to see your will come to pass here and now.

Amen.