

THE CYCLE OF
VICTORIOUS
GIVING

Trust to Live

Giving Connects Us to God

**Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.**
—Psalm 37:3

Influenced years ago by the classic *The Cycle of Victorious Living* by Earl and Hazel Lee, Stan and Linda Toler decided to write a book called *The Cycle of Victorious Giving*. Their lives and those of countless other Christians through the centuries have centered around the giving of their time, talent, treasure, and touch to honor God as the Giver of all things and, subsequently trusting God to provide for all their needs.

Our series of messages over the next four weeks is based on the four steps of the cycle . . .

- Trust to Live
- Commit to Grow
- Delight to Give and
- Rest to Inherit

This week we focus on Trust to Live.

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Trust Is the Doorway

1. God is a God of _____ (Ps. 24:1).
2. Trusting God is _____ to human nature (John 14:1).
3. Too often our trust is _____ (Ps. 20:7).

The Challenge of Trusting

1. Trusting God means we believe what we _____ (Heb. 11:1-3).
2. Trusting God reminds us of Who is _____ (Prov. 3:5-6).

When We Trust, God Supplies

1. According to Jerry Bridges, sometimes our circumstances cause us to say, "God, I don't understand, but I _____."
2. Trusting God verifies He is our _____ (Deut. 10:14).
3. When we've taken the initial step of placing our trust in the Creator... we find He can and does _____ out of His abundance.
4. We reap what we _____ (Prov. 11:18).
5. We reap in God's _____ (Eccles. 3:1-2).
6. We reap _____ than we invest (Matt. 13:8).

God Pours Out His Blessings

1. God wants to lavish His _____ on His children (Luke 11:13).
2. God has _____ us what we have (Matt. 25).

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

—Luke 11:13

Life Is an Adventure

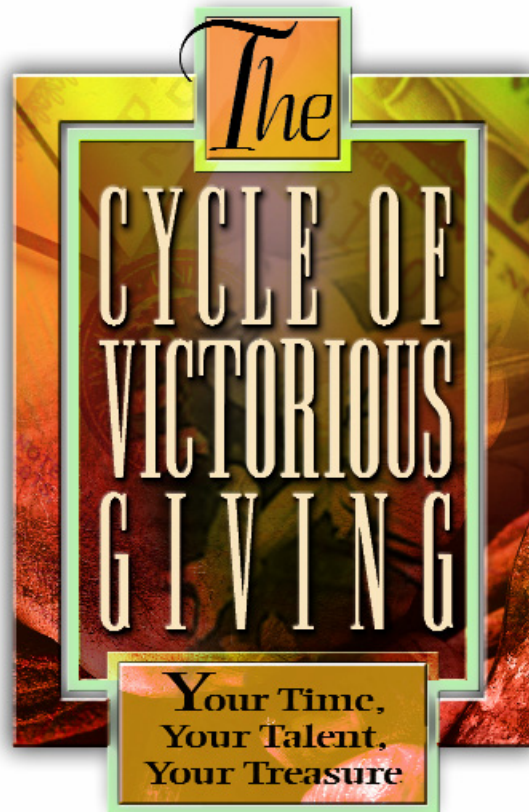
1. Life provides us with incredible opportunities to _____ what God has so freely given us.
2. When we give back to God, we initiate the _____ of His blessings (2 Cor. 9:6).
3. When we trust the God of abundance... we can _____ the giving challenge (2 Cor. 8:7).
4. If we can trust God with our lives, why can't we _____ all our resources to Him?
5. When we give to God, we can expect a _____ (Mal. 3:8-11).

The LORD is my strength, my shield from every danger. I trust in him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving.

—Psalm 28:7 (NLT)

Next week:

Commit to Grow



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