



# Growing FAITH at home

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## Secret of being content



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Sunday between  
September 25 and  
October 1



## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Share about a time when you were in need and someone helped you.
2. How does God meet your needs?
3. What are the needs of people in your local community? In what ways could you be more involved?



## BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.  
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

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

## VERSE OF 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



## 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.



## ACTION RESPONSE

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?



## MEALTIME PRAYER

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



## PRAYER

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



## BLESSING

May God fill you with the richness of his love.