

Covenant Program #1

LIVING IN A MATERIAL WORLD

Light Candle

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.

~Albert Schweitzer

Check-in

Opening Reading:

“Money, we imagine, offers the freedom, contentment, and respect we crave. Spending it, we discover that what was new and better is soon old and inferior. To stay in the race, it’s soon time for another purchase, time to discard what we haven’t long possessed. Rather than acting of our own free will, we’re making passive, predictable decisions. Rather than being comfortable with what we won and who we are, we become restless captives to a vicious cycle of earning enough bucks to buy what we think we want.”

*~Frank Levering and
Wanda Urbanska
Simple Living*

“There are two ways to get enough,” G.K. Chesterton once said. “One way is to continue to accumulate more and more and the other is to desire less.” Giving is like an inverted savings program. We find that as we participate in giving our mercenary desires shrink. Giving tames our lusts.

*~Stacy and Paula Rinehart
Living in the Light of Eternity*

Reflection Questions~

Where in your life is materialism getting in the way? How do you relate spending to your spirituality? Can you think of a time where “giving tamed lust”?

Business

Check-out

Closing Reading ~

“In every seed is the promise of thousands of forests. But the seed must not be hoarded; it must give its intelligence to the fertile ground. Through its giving, its unseen energy flows into material manifestation. The more you give, the more you will receive, because you will keep the abundance of the universe circulating in your life. Anything that is of value in life only multiplies when it is given.”

*~Deepak Chopra
The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success*

Extinguish candle

