

## A Morning Resolve

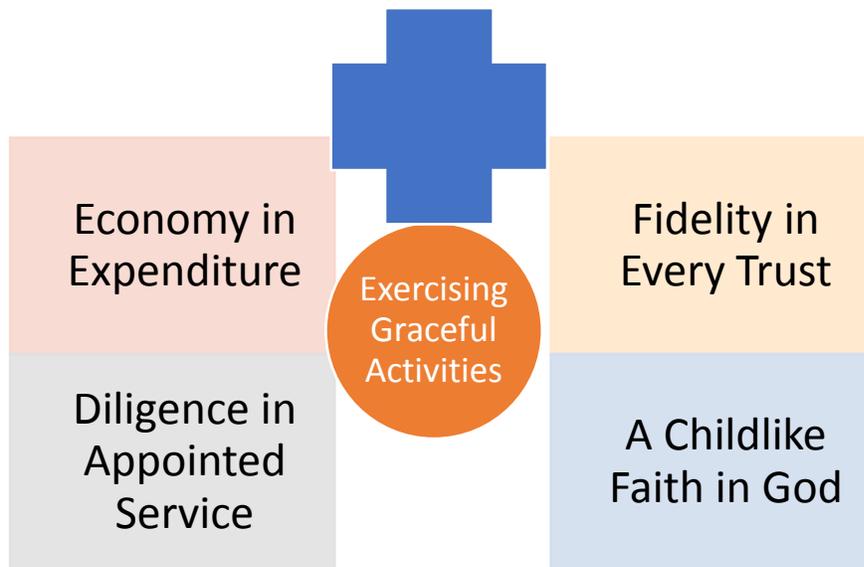
I will try this day to live a simple, sincere and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity, and self-seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence; **exercising economy in expenditure, generosity in giving, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust, and a childlike faith in God.**

In particular I will try to be faithful in those habits of prayer, work, study, physical exercise, eating, and sleep which I believe the Holy Spirit has shown me to be right.

And as I cannot in my own strength do this, nor even with a hope of success attempt it, I look to thee, O Lord God my Father, in Jesus my Savior, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

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### ***Lenten Series: Week 3- Exercising Graceful Activities*** ***Facilitator of the week: Dean Lina***



- **Economy in Expenditure**
  - **The role/ place of money in our lives.**
    - Learned behavior/ Money messages growing up
    - Wants & Needs
    - Purchase buzz
    - Discipline, patience and unhealthy credit
    - Marketing / secular values and Kingdom values.
    - Dignity and Independence- Living within our means
    - Savings

**To ponder:** What if graceful generosity, guided by character, compassion, and community, shaped our getting and spending?

- **Diligence in appointed service**

- Service and Identity
  - Diligence/ consistency/ credibility
  - Ramifications of procrastinating
  - Volunteer Vs Voluntold
  - Vocation: Intersection of your abilities and opportunities.
  - Service as a spiritual discipline

**To ponder:** How would you describe your calling, your vocation?

- **Fidelity to every Trust**

- Credibility
- Promises - Matthew 5:37: Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.
- Loyalty
- Allegiance to Truth/ Commitment to accuracy/ Integrity
- Trust:
  - Entrusted
  - Trust in
  - Trust in GOD
- Fidelity in Scripture (Page 117):
  - King Hezekiah- The opposite of fidelity in every trust,
  - Ruth and Naomi - Example of loyalty and faithfulness
  - Prophet Nathan – Faithful to his calling

**To ponder:** What aspect of trusting is most difficult for you- trusting in others, trusting in yourself, or trusting in God and God's timing? Why?

Do I look for the good in others?

- **A Childlike Faith in God**

- Curiosity
- Imagination
- Wonder
- Trust
- Faith in God- God's dependable character allows us to follow God like a child, to go and obey even when we do not know where we are going.

**To ponder:** Of the 4 attributes of a childlike faith which comes easiest for you? Which is the most difficult? Why?