

7 Days of Prayer and Fasting at The Ave.

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Consecration through the cost of generosity.

1. Document containing themes, brief intro, and Biblical, Prayer, and Fasting Focus.
2. Daily videos to be released in the mornings.

1. A heart for costly generosity.

Jan 26

Generosity that's not costly isn't generosity. But this doesn't come easy. It's a supernatural appetite that God grows in his people for a heart like his. A heart for costly generosity, like that of the widow who gave out of her poverty, not abundance.

Biblical Focus

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, 2 and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. 3 And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. 4 For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.” (Luke 21:1-4)

Prayer Focus

Father, we love your heart! A heart that's not afraid to pay the price of true generosity. Would you please create this heart in us. Undo whatever needs to be undone, and fan into flame a desire and devotion for real generosity.

Fasting Focus

For these two days we will fast in the area of food. This could be anything from one meal a day, to a particular food or ingredient, or however you see fit. Whatever might help you temporarily give up something good for attention to and participation with something better. In place of the time it would take to prepare and eat the food we're fasting from, let's spend that time in focused prayer for an increased desire for costly generosity.

As hunger sets in, use that sensation to be reminded of how we ultimately long for the Lord himself in our generosity.

2. The ability to see & respond to opportunities for costly generosity in our church and beyond.

Jan 27

It's really easy to miss what we're not looking for, especially when it comes to opportunities for generosity. We need new eyes to see, and a desire to respond; God help us to see and lock in.

Biblical Focus

Some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. 23 And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Do you see anything?” 24 And he looked up and said, “I see people, but they look like trees, walking.” 25 Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. (Mark 8:22-25)

Prayer Focus

Father, we can't see without you. Our eyes don't work right naturally, they get stuck on us. Please touch our eyes that we might really see as you do. Help us to see and respond to opportunities for costly generosity here at The Avenue, and beyond.

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3. Next steps: how might God want me to steward my time in ways that reflect costly generosity.

Jan 28

Costly generosity can be experienced in 3 simple areas of expression; time, talent, and treasure. None of which actually belong to us, but rather have been

given as resources to be stewarded for seeing the Kingdom of God break into our world. Let's first take a look at the **time** we have been given.

Biblical Focus

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Eph 2:8-10)

Prayer Focus

Father, help us to deeply experience you and your grace, that it might become the motivation in our generosity. And speak Father we are listening; *how might you want us to offer you our time this year in a way that better reflects the cost of generosity?*

Fasting Focus

For these two days we will fast in the area of schedule. We will give away at least one hour a day as an offering to the Lord. The hour today will be used to spend time with Jesus in his word, prayer, & worship.

4. Next steps: how might God want me to steward my Talents in ways that reflect costly generosity.

Jan 29

Every believer has at least one spiritual gift from the Holy Spirit, and that's awesome! There is a difference between a natural talent and supernatural gift, but let's not get caught there right now. Here's the issue, neither the gift nor the talent, belong to you. They belong and to God and must be stewarded accordingly, so let's do it!

Biblical Focus

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Pet 4:10-11)

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Prayer Focus

Father, we recognize you as the giver of all good gifts! What we have, belongs to you. And we want to use it as you have designed and desire. Father please speak, we are listening; *how might you want us to offer you our talents this year in a way that better reflects the cost of generosity?*

Fasting Focus

For these two days we will fast in the area of schedule. We will give away at least one hour a day as an offering to the Lord. The hour today will be used to have a coffee or lunch with someone who does not yet know Jesus.

5. Next steps: how might God want me to steward my Treasure in ways that reflect costly generosity.

Jan 30

Where our money goes says a lot. It's both revealing of what's important, and directive for our hearts. Our spending and saving and giving patterns reveal who is Lord of our life, and reinforce it, as Jesus says; *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

Biblical Focus

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth & rust destroy & where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matt 6:19-21)

Prayer Focus

Father, you own it all. It's your's. And we simply want to steward these resources as you direct. Father please speak, we are listening; *how might you want us to offer you our treasure this year in a way that better reflects the cost of generosity?*

Fasting Focus

For these final three days we will fast in the area of finances, going without making any unnecessary expenditures, so as to seek the Lord for his generous

resources to be released for this unique moment in our church! Also, ask for clarity on how you are to support this moment in our church with your treasure. Every time you would have normally purchased a meal, coffee, something from Amazon, etc...don't. But rather use those times as prompts to ask God for his resources to be released on The Ave, and clarity on how you are to join him in costly generosity.

6. Holy Spirit, please come and use the costly generosity of The Avenue to advance the kingdom in ways we have yet to see!

Jan 31

This is not generosity simply for the sake of living with less. This is purposeful generosity as we believe God is doing something at The Avenue! Wonders! And our costly generosity prepares us for this work. But it's God who has to do the work, so we say come Holy Spirit!

Biblical Focus

"This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts. (Zech 4:6)

Prayer Focus

Come Holy Spirit! Our trust is in you! Please bring the Kingdom of God to Delray and beyond in a way that it has never come, through this costly generosity. Would you use me too, and advance the Kingdom in me and through me. I'm all in.

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7. God, make a way, make it clear, and do the work, as it pertains to our property journey! We want to continue releasing your costly grace through a permanent home.

Feb 1

We believe it's God's timing to find a place to call home. A place to settle into the city as a permanent resident, establish a Kingdom outpost, and seek the welfare of Delray Beach. The vision is to see the Kingdom come in such a way that it never has before, to a particular property and through this property, to the glory of God!

Biblical Focus

"Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you." (Matt 17:20)

Prayer Focus

Father, we recognize this vision of a place to call home is far beyond our capabilities. There are "mountains" that stand in between us and seeing this become a reality. But we also recognize you are a mountain mover! So by faith, we ask you to please move any mountains that stand in the way of us stepping into a place to call home, as a Kingdom outpost and city blessing!

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