



## Day 7

### *Sacrificial Humility / Financial Support of God's Work*

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name” (Philippians 2:3-9).

“All of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time” (1 Peter 5:5, 6).

“As in humility [the disciples] submitted to the molding influence of the Holy Spirit, they received of the fullness of the Godhead and were fashioned in the likeness of the divine” (*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 49).

“When the Spirit of God takes possession of the heart, it transforms the life. Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife. Joy takes the place of sadness, and the countenance reflects the light of heaven” (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 173).

“Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering” (Colossians 3:12).

“The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way” (Psalms 25:9).

“For thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: ‘I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones’” (Isaiah 57:15).

### **Prayer Focus: *Financial Support of God's Work***

Pray for God's work around the world to be liberally financed. Specific areas to pray about:

- Church members will give God total control of their finances and possessions, and that lust for money and possessions will have no place in their lives.
- For God to bless church members with financial abundance so they can give abundantly to support missions.
- For church members to pay their tithes and offerings faithfully.
- Church leadership to be good stewards who wisely use the funds entrusted to them.
- That God will bring the wealth of the wicked into His treasure house!



## Leader's Guide Day 7

### Suggested Plan for *Sacrificial Humility*

- **Introduction - 5 Minutes:**
  - Remind people of general guidelines for united prayer as explained in United Prayer Guidelines (available on [www.revivalandreformation.org](http://www.revivalandreformation.org)).
  - Introduce prayer topic of sacrificial humility and financial support of God's work.
  - Have each person select five intercession cards at random from the intercession box to pray over during the supplication time. Make sure they return these to the box at the end.

### United Prayer Time

- **Praise - 10 Minutes:**
  - Praise God for giving us truly humble hearts that are willing to sacrifice anything for Jesus. Praise God having all the resources needed for His work. Use the scriptures on the theme sheet to guide your praises.
  - Praise God for our lost loved ones and the work He is already doing in their lives.
  - Invite people to share their answers to prayer as praises to God.
- **Confession – 10 Minutes:**
  - Give people 5-8 minutes to search their own hearts and silently ask God to reveal anything – especially in the area of pride or finances that stands between them and God.
  - Allow 3-5 minutes for corporate confession of our collective sins of pride and selfishness.
- **Supplication - 25 Minutes:**
  - Pray for God to give true humility of heart and a willingness to sacrifice for others to every church member.
  - Pray for our church leadership to not become proud of their positions, but to be truly humble so they can hear God's voice and serve their brethren.
  - Pray/claim the scriptures and quotes on the theme sheet.
  - Devote a large portion of the supplication time to praying for abundant finances for God's work.
  - Claim the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as promised in God's Word.
  - Divide people into groups of twos or threes to pray for the individuals/situations listed on the five cards they chose from the box. Encourage them to keep praying scriptures!
- **Praise - 10 Minutes:**
  - Thank God for giving us a spirit of sacrificial humility and providing sufficient funding!

**Suggested Songs to Use:** Come Holy Spirit, I Need You; I Surrender All (*SDA Hymnal* # 309); Sanctuary; God is so Good; In His Time; Have Thine Own Way, Lord (*SDA Hymnal* #567); Just as I am (*SDA Hymnal* #313, 314); Our God is an Awesome God; Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord.