The Giving Series - Week 4

Welcome to the Giving Series.

Last week we learnt about the Giving Habit.

This week we will be learning about, “The Giving Heart.”

**The Heart:**

 It is a figurative phrase for the describing the center of hidden emotional, intellectual and moral activity. It is where your will, devotion and motives lie.

**Questions:**

In groups discuss the characteristics of the giving heart.

In each group, list the top 5 characteristics

At the core of a giving heart is ***Surrender.***

What is the first emotion/ thought that comes to mind when thinking about surrender?

Have you ever found yourself in position where you had to surrender something? How did you feel before surrendering it? How did you feel after surrendering it?

1. It is the action of yielding one’s person (oneself) or giving up possession of something especially into a power of another. – *Miriam Webster Dictionary*

2. Giving up authority to another.

Genesis 4: 2-8

(*2b) Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. (3) In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. (4) And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, (5) but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So, Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.*

*(6) Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? (7) If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”*

*(8) Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” [d] While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.*

What can we learn from Cain and Abel?

1. Our ability to surrender shed light to the conditions of our hearts.
2. Surrender is worship; therefore, surrender is a response to God’s Lordship.
3. Surrender is a sign of trust.
4. Surrender is a weapon against the devil and sin.
5. Surrender puts us in a position to be used and elevated by God- *James 4: 10*
6. God searches our hearts and desires after our hearts.

**Surrender started with God.**

*Philippians 2: 6- 8*

* *Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness? And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!*

Daily Devotions: If you’re on the WhatsApp group, you’ll receive daily devotions every day.

Next Sunday we will discuss the topic, “Declarations.”