**A Wonderful Idea**

Today's podcast is called, "A Wonderful Idea."

I use the Nextdoor app to see what is going on in my town. It's really an interesting app. It reminds me a bit of Facebook, but is for people in your town only. Your neighbors share all kinds of stuff on there! They sell stuff, share stories of happenings such as flea markets or concerts, they discuss any criminal activity & much more. It's a great way to keep up to date on all the interesting stuff in your town.

Recently I was reading Nextdoor & saw an older post on there entitled "What do you need?" The post asked people to share a need they have for something that they simply can't afford right now. Those who could meet those needs were encouraged to reply. I thought it was a lovely idea. Reading through the comments was heartwarming. So many people shared their needs, big & small, & they were met. Some asked for food for their pets & others offered to drop some food off or order it online & have it sent to their home. One asked for a recommendation for a physician who uses naturopathic cancer treatments & that person got some recommendations. Another asked for moving boxes & got that need met. One person needed new brakes on their car & was given the name & number of a very reliable mechanic as well as coupons for the parts. Yet another mentioned hosting Thanksgiving dinner & invited anyone who wanted to come. Some people said they were not in any need & were grateful for what they had.

This post was really a lovely conversation! It was heartwarming seeing so many people willingly help each other out, & also to see the new friendships that were formed.

While this post was created during the month of November due to being inspired by the holiday season, I think it'd be a lovely idea to create such a post during any time of the year. People seem to be more generous during the holidays, but we should be generous during the entire year. It is good for the giver & the receiver when someone is generous & giving. In the Amplified Bible, Proverbs 11:25 says, ***"The generous man [is a source of blessing and] shall be prosperous and enriched, And he who waters will himself be watered [reaping the generosity he has sown]."*** Luke 6:38 says, ***"Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over [with no space left for more]. For with the standard of measurement you use [when you do good to others], it will be measured to you in return."*** & 2 Corinthians 9:6 says, ***"Now [remember] this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to others] will also reap generously [and be blessed]."***

If you are in a difficult season of not having much to spare, don't worry! Whatever you give, no matter how little, is just as important & valuable in God's eyes as well as the recipient of your kindness. 2 Corinthians 8:12 says, ***"For if the eagerness [to***

***give] is there, it is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have."*** And, Mark 12:41-44 tells the story of Jesus praising a poor widow who only gave a small amount because she was willing to give what little she had.

I hope you were inspired by the "What do you need" post & will consider doing something similar. There are so many ways to be a blessing to other people! Obviously creating this type of post is one way, but you also could donate your time or money to food pantries or soup kitchens, visit those in nursing homes, set up a table with free food such as canned goods or build a small "take one leave one" library of sorts in your yard. The possibilities are really endless!

Thank you for listening to my podcast!