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The 8 T's of Grateful Living

POWERPOINT SLIDES INSTRUCTIONS

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These slides are simply a helpful guide to get you started on the *8 T's of Grateful Living* theme. You can add, delete or edit them to suit your personal message.

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Why should we encourage Grateful Living? (Delete this slide before presenting! 😊)

This series of Grateful Living messages falls under the category of what we often call 'stewardship'—managing the things that God gives us—but for many listeners these messages will open up a whole new way of living abundantly (John 10:10).

You see, it's simple, yet profound. **God is love, and because he loves he gives** (see John 3:16). God calls us to be faithful stewards of His love by loving Him and *giving* His love to others. We do this by sharing *all* that we have and are.

The very heart and foundation of stewardship isn't money, it's love.

At its very essence, **Faithful Stewardship = Loving God and people with *all* we have and are.** We are to love God and people with everything, with our 8 T's—Time, Talents Testimony, Temple, Treasure, Territory, Tribe and God's Truth.

In the book *Counsels on Stewardship* by Ellen G. White, the word 'love' is used 36 times in just the first 18 pages! Love is the foundation of stewardship.

When we understand God's love we live gratefully. **Grateful Living is about whole-of-life giving.** It's about passing on the things that our loving Provider God gives to us. God gives, so that we can give. "And God is able to make *all* grace abound to you, so that in *all* things at *all* times having *all* that you need you will abound in *every* good work." (2 *Corinthians 9:8*)

The gospel calls for a whole new way of living, grateful living, and it places love at the centre—not money, investments, security, prestige or comfort. When we love like God loves, "when we love the world as He has loved it, then for us His mission is accomplished. We are fitted for heaven; for we have heaven in our hearts." (*Ellen G. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 641*)

So is this *8 Pillars of Grateful Living* really a stewardship series? Yes, because **grateful living leads to cheerful giving**, not only more faithful tithes and generous, systematic offerings, but *whole-of-life* giving, and that's what God invites us to experience.

Welcome! to a whole new level of Christ-centred abundant living.

Grateful Living Topic: TRIBE

Message Overview (Delete this slide before presenting! 😊)

Key Scriptures: 1 Timothy 5:8; 1 John 4:20-21; Luke 10:25-28

Key EGW Writings: The books *Adventist Home & Christian Service*

Goal: Caring for my immediate family, my church family and my global family.

Interview Idea: Is there an inspiring person in your church or wider community who you can interview (maybe even by phone or Zoom) about how they have cared for their 'tribe' in an exceptional way?

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GRATEFUL LIVING



The 2-minute video called
Grateful Living Overview & Introduction - Low Res
can be inserted here.

The 8 T's of Grateful Living



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Music: Anna Beaden & Kemy Ugendi

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When you find people who not only tolerate your quirks but celebrate them with glad cries of “Me, too!” be sure to cherish them. Because those weirdos are your tribe!



My Tribe

How can I better care
for my tribe—my
immediate family, my
church family and my
global family?



JESUS IS LORD OF THE MULTIPLYING HARVEST



A disciple is someone who in every way is becoming more like Jesus Christ.
How did Jesus faithfully manage His TRIBE?



IDEA FOR AN OPENING STORY (Delete this slide before presenting. 😊)

The next 4 slides show photos that illustrate this story, and can be clicked through as you tell it, if you choose to use the story.

Rick Hoyt was born on January 10, 1962 in Massachusetts and was sadly diagnosed as a quadriplegic with cerebral palsy at birth after his umbilical cord became twisted around his neck, which caused the blockage of oxygen flow. Many doctors encouraged the Hoyts to institutionalize Rick, informing them that he would be nothing more than a "vegetable."

His parents held on to the fact that Rick's eyes would follow them around the room, giving them hope that he would somehow be able to communicate someday. The Hoyts took Rick every week to Children's Hospital in Boston, where they met a doctor who encouraged the Hoyts to treat Rick like any other child. Rick's mother Judy spent hours each day teaching Rick the alphabet with sandpaper letters and posting signs on every object in the house. In a short amount of time, Rick learned the alphabet.

At the age of 11, Rick was fitted with a computer that enabled him to communicate, and it became clear that Rick was intelligent. With this communication device, Rick was also able to attend public schools for the first time, and in 1993 he graduated from Boston University with a degree in special education.

In 1977, at the age of 17, Rick asked his father Dick if they could run in a race together to raise money for a student at his school who had become paralyzed. He wanted to prove that life went on no matter your disability. Dick Hoyt, a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the Air National Guard, was not a runner and was 36 years old.

After their first race Rick said, "**Dad, when I'm running, it feels like I'm not handicapped.**" On hearing this, Dick began running every day with a bag of cement in the wheelchair because Rick was at school and studying, unable to train with him.

Since that day, the Hoyts have competed together in various athletic endeavours, including marathons and Ironman Triathlons. For the swimming races, Dick pulls Rick in a special boat. For cycling Dick carries Rick in a special seat on the front of the bike. And when they run Dick pushes Rick in a special wheelchair.

As of March 2016, the Hoyts had competed in 1,130 endurance events, including 72 marathons and six Ironman Triathlons. They had run the Boston Marathon 32 times. They biked and ran across the U.S. in 1992, completing 6,011 km in 45 days.

Can you begin to imagine how much of his life Dick gave just so that his son Rick could feel like he's not handicapped? He gave his time, his treasure, his talent, his body temple, and he probably had to give up many other life dreams that he had, he gave his all, for his son. He gave His life. Because he loved him.

That's '**whole-of-life giving**'. "I want to be a father like that! A friend like that. A church member like that. A neighbour like that."

And yet, if you ask Rick or Dick which of them was blessed the most by Dick's sacrificial giving to his son, they would both say that they were the one who was the most blessed. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." *Jesus Acts 20:35*

Dick & Rick Hoyt



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“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down his life for his friends.”

John 15:13

GRATEFUL LIVING

Tribe The Great Controversy



God's Blueprint

- You are your 'brother's keeper'.
- You are responsible to provide for your family, especially in tough times.
- Love and cherish your spouse just like Christ loves the church.
- Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
- I am to love and care for my neighbour, even if they live in another town or country, just as I love and care for myself.

Satan's Counterfeit

- Your #1 priority is yourself.
- Always let others provide for themselves, just like you have.
- Focus on ensuring that your spouse cares for your needs.
- It's a dog-eats-dog world so look out for yourself at any cost to others.
- It's OK to always put my own needs in front of everyone else's needs, especially those who don't live near me.



Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)



“Our work for Christ is to begin with the family, in the home. ... There is no missionary field more important than this.”

Ellen G. White, Adventist Home, 35



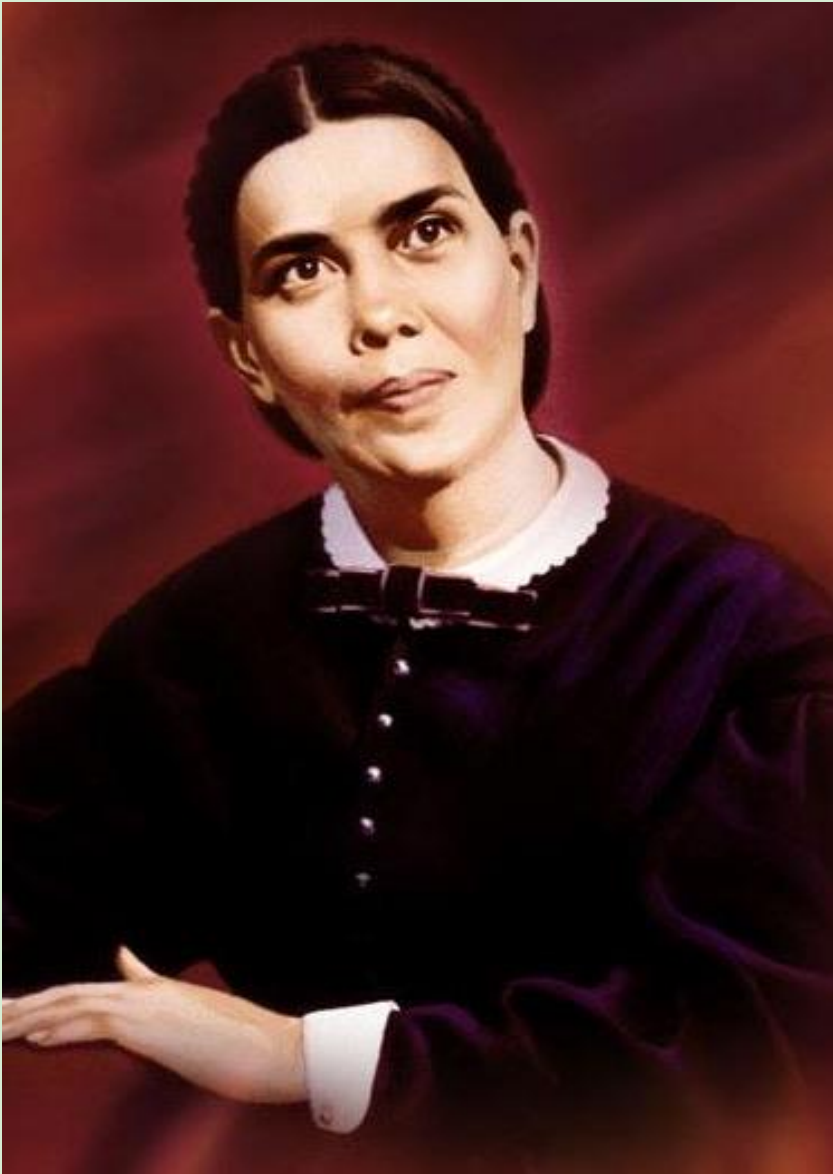
“The Lord has not called you to neglect your home ... He never works in this way; and He never will.”

Ellen G. White, Adventist Home, 246



So whatever you wish that others
would do to you, do also to them,
for this is the Law and the
Prophets.

Matthew 7:12 (ESV)



“Every uttered word exerts an influence, every action involves a train of responsibility. No one can live to himself in this world, even if he would. Each one forms a part of the great web of humanity, and through our individual threads of influence we are linked to the universe.”

Ellen G. White
Review & Herald, Feb. 16, 1897



If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

1 John 4:20-21 (NKJV)



“It is not earthly rank, nor birth, nor nationality, nor religious privilege, which proves that we are members of the family of God; it is love, a love that embraces all humanity.”

Ellen G. White

Thoughts from the Mount of Blessings, 75



These words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NKJV)



“You may aid [your children] to develop characters that will not be swayed or influenced to do evil, but will sway and influence others to do right.

By your fervent prayers of faith you can move the arm that moves the world.”

Ellen G. White, Adventist Home, 264



And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbour as yourself.' " And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

Luke 10:25-28 (NKJV)

In an age that LOVES
things and USES people,
let's LOVE people and USE
things.

JESUS USED THINGS TO LOVE PEOPLE

He **used** mud to **love** a blind man,
He **used** sand to **love** an adulteress,
He **used** water and clay pots to **love** some newlyweds,
He **used** loaves and fish to **love** a crowd of hungry people,
He **used** his garment to **love** a bleeding woman,
and finally, He **used** a cross and three nails
to build a bridge of **love**.

The greatest thing we will ever learn, is just to love like God loves, and to be loved in return.



Q. How to be faithful with my Tribe?

A. A faithful steward does what their Master would do if He were present.

See *Counsels on Stewardship*,
p. 113



CONCLUDING ILLUSTRATION (Delete this slide before presenting. 😊)

The story is told of a man, let's call him Peter, who received a new sports car as a gift from his brother. One day he drove it into the city and parked it on the street while he did some shopping. On returning to his car, loaded down with shopping bags, he saw a young homeless boy with wide eyes staring at the shiny, new vehicle.

As Peter approached the car the boy shyly asked, "Excuse me sir, is this your car?" "Yes, it is" Peter replied. "My brother gave it to me. It was a gift."

The boy's eyes lit up with surprise at the thought of such a generous and expensive gift. "Wow!" he said. "That's incredible! I wish ... I wish ..." but he didn't finish his sentence, so Peter finished it for him. "Yes, I know son. You wish you had a brother like that."

"No, no, sir. That's not it." the boy quickly replied. "I wish ... I just wish I could BE a brother like that."



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