



# CHRISTIAN MOTOCROSS CLUB

## Journal

### QUOTE FOR THE MOMENT

**Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.**

**-Martin Luther King Jr.**

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### MEMORY VERSE

**Matthew 5:16**

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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### PRAYER REQUEST

- Have you prayed with your family lately?
- We all need to pray for small companies to be able to keep their doors open for business.
- Pray for your pastor and church staff?
- Keep in mind if you have a prayer request or a praise report please let me know and I can post it here for you.
- Do you have a designated place where you can go to pray and read the word? You might try this, it has worked for me.
- Pray for Israel and our country here in the USA



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### MONEY MATTERS \$\$\$

Should I tithe while trying to pay off debt? If you're in debt, tithing should still be a priority. Listen, I know it's tempting to throw that money at your debt, but the discipline and faith that tithing brings are so worth it. Even while you're paying down debt, you can still have an attitude of generosity. Now, there are extreme situations where people literally cannot cover their Four Walls (aka the basic expenses for survival). But most people, even if things are tight, can cover their bills and still tithe.

If that 10% seems out of reach, you might need to do a lifestyle check. Look at your budget and find ways to cut back on spending. It might mean limiting some of your fun money, packing your lunch instead of eating out every day, brewing your own coffee, or buying generic products-but it is possible to tithe throughout your whole debt-free journey.

Now, you should hold off on offerings (those extra gifts) while you're paying off debt and put all your extra money toward your debt snowball. But that's not for forever. Soon, you'll be out of debt-and you'll be free to give as generously as you want to!



When I was a young boy we lived near several construction sites. Inspired by them, my friends and I gathered leftover scraps to build a fort. Borrowing tools from our parents, we hauled wood and spent days trying to make our material serve our purposes. It was fun, but our attempts were poor reflections of the well-constructed buildings around us. They didn't last long. In Genesis 11, we encounter a major building construction project. "Let us build ourselves a city," said the people, "with a tower that reaches to the heavens" (v. 4). A big problem with this effort was that the people did it to "make a name for ourselves" (v. 4).

This has been a recurring issue for humans; we build monuments to ourselves and our achievements. Later in the biblical narrative, this story is contrasted with Solomon's motivation for building God's temple: "I intend, therefore, to build a temple for the Name of the Lord my God" (1 Kings 5:5). Solomon understood that what he built needed to point to God and not himself. This was such an important lesson that he even wrote a psalm about it. Psalm 127 opens with "unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain" (v. 1). Like my childhood fort-building, what we build will not last, but God's name and what we do for Him has lasting significance.

