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Greetings,

I hope you find this devotional helpful in your daily journey. Let me know what you think.

Blessings, Pastor  
Dan

## A Reflection: Christ as Central to our Lives

As I get older, I increasingly see the merit in putting energy into the things that matter. Years ago a friend said to me that he was “too old not to do anything controversial.” In other words, he knew his days were numbered, so he tried to focus on what he felt was really important. In the same vein, last Sunday we celebrated Christ the King Sunday. It is a particular day in which we are called to reorient our lives with the Christ being central. It is critical to ask of ourselves if we are spending too much time being busy, rather than fruitful. There is a qualitative difference between the two. A fruitful life is to have those characteristics which reflect the imprint of God’s handiwork:

joy, peace, patience, kindness, et cetera.

Are you finding ways to let these attributes increase in you and in your relationships

with others? After all, we cannot take “things” from this life into the next, but the formation of who we are becoming accompanies us. After all, **God loves us**; our projects are ways in which God gives us the opportunity to be transformed.

Grace and peace, Pastor Dan

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## Upcoming Dates

Monday: Bounty Food Bank - 9 am to Noon, Volunteers welcomed.

Friday: Bounty Food Bank: needs Volunteers every Friday for food pickup and storage help. Call 253-335-7860.

Next Sunday: Choir Practice 10:00

Worship Service 11:00

"The Blanket Brigade!" continues through November 30th. Please bring new or clean, gently used Blankets and Tarps to the church. This year we are also collecting new or clean, gently used Sleeping Bags, Coats, Gloves/Mittens, Stocking Hats and Scarves. Collection box and shelves are in the Friendship Room.

This coming Saturday, December 1st:

- 10:15 A.M. Bethany Garden Club's Christmas Gathering and White Elephant (Steal A Gift) Gift Exchange. Eats also!
- 12 P. M. Hanging of the Greens. Please join us as we prepare Bethany UMC for the Advent and Christmas seasons.
- 1 to 3 P. M. Free Pictures With Santa in the Bethany Fireside Room. You supply the camera/camera phone and we supply Santa.

Charge Conference - Our annual review will take place on December 15th @ 1:00p.m.. All are invited to come and hear about the ministry of the church.