

#### THE 700 CLUB CANADA

## Rediscovering True Community

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In a world increasingly marked by isolation, we're grappling with a spiritual crisis, but there is hope—the antidote

lies in Christian community.

**Community as a Divine Mirror:** Within a nurturing faith community, we often encounter individuals who embody Jesus' teachings through their actions and words. They serve as mirrors, urging us to embrace love, forgiveness, and kindness. Nurturing such relationships deepens our faith and reveals God's love in those around us.

**Community as the Forge of Wisdom and Accountability:** Communities offer fertile ground for shared learning and personal growth. We seek guidance, share life experiences, and accept constructive feedback, gaining invaluable wisdom and accountability. These communities become our unwavering support system, helping us stay on the path of righteousness.

**Community as a Beacon of God's Love to the World:** Jesus instructed us to tangibly embody God's love through faith and unity. This love extends beyond our group, reaching those in need. It becomes a living testament to God's boundless grace and mercy, showcasing these divine qualities to a world in need.

Community isn't just a gathering; it's where God's presence is revealed. Here, we learn to thrive spiritually and personally, radiating God's love to a needy world. It reminds us that we're never alone on our journey. Together, as a united community, we wield the profound power of love, healing, and transformation. In our fragmented world, it's a call back to our true purpose—community with God and with each other. This is what we should be fighting for!

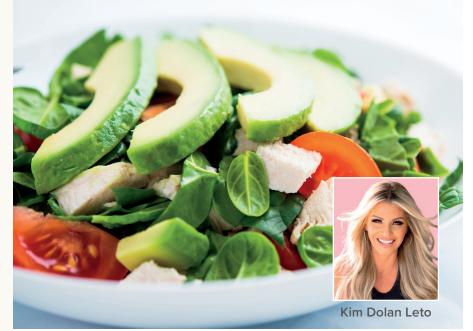
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#### **CBN NEWS: HEALTHY LIVING**

# GET FIT GOD'S WAY

Shift your focus to get the best results!



Are you having trouble sticking with an exercise regimen? Kim Dolan Leto, winner of ESPN's Fitness America competition when she was 33 years old, says the secret to reaching your health goals is to make sure God comes first.

In her book *Fit God's Way: Your Bible-Based Guide to Food, Fitness, & Wholeness*, she presents a unique and welcome view: "We need to seek God first in our fitness ... to be fit for our calling."

But Leto did not always live with Him in mind regarding taking care of her body.

As a young girl, she plastered *Sports Illustrated* and *Glamour* magazine covers on her bedroom walls for inspiration. But those images of who she wanted to look like led her to develop a poor self-image by the age of 13.

Desperate to lose weight, Leto tried many unhealthy diets, but it wasn't until her father suffered a stroke that she became serious about her health. At 30, she trained, entered competitions, and eventually made it onto many magazine covers.

But something was missing. Still, she went back to extreme dieting and based her value on her image. "There is a tendency to make your body an idol," she says.

Today, though, she walks with God and wants her message to honour Him. And her book does that by placing the emphasis on Jesus.

"This is the answer to losing weight and keeping it off," she says. To learn more—and download her free fitness guide featuring the "7 W's" to fitness—visit FitGodsWay.com.

Please consult your physician before changing your diet or exercise routine.



*by* Andrew Burditt President, The Christian Broadcasting Associates

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 CORINTHIANS 9:11

It's usually at this time of the year that we begin to see a subtle transition around the country. The holidays are close, and Christmas is fast approaching. Perhaps we've even been seeing decorations, advertisements on television, and displays in stores for some time. However, right about now, there is a change that begins to take place amongst Canadians.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, we think about spending time with family and friends to fellowship together. As time marches steadily towards this celebration, people tend to become kinder, more compassionate, and certainly more generous. In fact, it is no secret that the majority of charitable donations in Canada are received during the months of November and December.

It is that concept of generosity that seems to evade many for 10 months of the year as they strive for professional success, focus on their careers, and deal with the busyness of their schedules. It is far too easy to be caught up in the details of daily



life and forget to stop, look around, and be grateful for what we have while continuing to look for opportunities to help others.

We know that as followers of Jesus, we are called to love, but to truly love others is to be generous with our time, our resources, and our kindness towards those in need—and those that are searching for answers.

Second Corinthians 9:11-12 reminds us, You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God (NIV).

God is infinitely generous to us with His love and Spirit, and we simply cannot fathom the depth of that love. Each Christmas season we are reminded that He gave us His Son as a helpless child. Jesus lived as a man, taught us to love unconditionally, exemplified the generous spirit of His Father, and ultimately gave His life for all of us.

How do we then respond?

We love; and as we practice that same generosity with family, friends, and those around us, we will live out our faith and help create a society that will be both aware and supportive.

## May God richly bless you as you serve Him with a generous heart!



## The Very Character of God

*by* Lorie Hartshorn Co-Host, *The 700 Club Canada* 



The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the

mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honour at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. (Hebrews 1:3 NLT)

Jesus is beautiful! In the book of Hebrews, this verse summarizes the main message that the author wanted the readers to know. Jesus is everything! He reflects who God the Father is in His glory and character. He spoke the world into being, and He holds everything together.

How are you worshipping Jesus today? Take time each day to pause and thank Jesus for who He is and what He has done. Your very life has been given to you by Him, and your purpose is to live for Him.

Let's pray: "Dear Lord Jesus, I worship You. You are all-powerful and glorious. All things were created through You. Thank You for setting aside Your rights and privileges as the Son of God and coming to this earth to give Your very life for me—atoning for my sins and making a way for me to be right with God the Father. You deserve all glory and honour in my life today. I invite You to lead me today, to be the person You made me to be, and to point others to You. In Your beautiful name, Lord Jesus, amen."

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When Sonia's doctor told her she had triplenegative Stage 3 breast cancer, she could have chosen fear over her faith. Discover how God gave her strength through His Word.



THE ONE TRUE GOD Marisol wanted to know all she could about the spiritual realm. She explored different religions and visited psychics. Then, she learned the truth of Jesus Christ.

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### The TOP 5 reasons to get a Will in place before the end of the year.

With 2023 coming to an end, it's time to take charge of your assets and shape your future. Our partners at Advisors with Purpose have estate advisor specialists that would like to meet with you to create a plan for your Will. They are trained to help you make choices that will be best for the legacy you want to leave. This service is free and confidential. No one will ever sell you anything. 1 A Will allows you to provide and care for loved ones with special needs, minor children, and companion animals. 2 A Will lets you choose an executor or trustee, the person who will carry out your instructions and wishes.

3 Having an up-to-date Will allows you to transfer your assets to loved ones and the causes you care about. Without a Will, the state may decide where your hard-earned and most cherished assets go.

Family feuds often occur when family members argue over the distribution of your estate if your final wishes are not clearly documented in a Will. A Will allows you to nominate a guardian of your choice for your minor children.

Contact them to get started at plan@advisorswithpurpose.ca







### Is prosperity a free gift from God? Do I have to work for it?

The Bible says in 2 Thessalonians 3:10, *Those unwilling to work will not get to eat* (NLT). When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, one consequence was that man had to toil by the sweat of his brow and work to make it in this world.

Now, if you think you can be lazy and not work and expect that things are going to come to you, you need to think again.

You can plant and water, but who gives the increase? God.

Therefore, prosperity and blessings come from Him. If you look at Him as the source for everything, material things will fade from your mind. Then the most important thing in your life becomes His presence, His mercy, His love, His forgiveness, His healing, His righteousness. And when you seek these things, all that He wants to give you will be added.

## 13-year-old Brenda loves the Superbook Kids Bible app!

She told us: "I love this app so much! The games are impeccable. Because of this app, I have accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour. You guys really made a difference in my life. Thank you!"





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