

Celebrating His Goodness

Worship Idea Chocolate Chip Cookie Prayer

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- ½ teaspoon vanilla. Adds flavor. Write down the names of the people who add flavor to your life. Pray that their creativity and talents will be used for God's glory and that you will appreciate them and all they do for you.
- 1 cup flour. Thickens the mixture and slows the beating process. Pray for the people who you wish you could slow down and spend more time with. Ask God to help you make time for your loved ones.
- ½ stick softened butter. Saturated fat—unhealthy. Pray for the people who tempt you to do things you know you shouldn't. Ask God to help you overcome the temptations and be a shining example to all.
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda. Rising. Thank God for all the people who raise you up. Ask God to show you a way to thank these people and to show you a way to raise up your friends and family.
- <u>% cups sugar</u>. Temporary or false satisfaction. Ask God to help you be a true Christian friend. Pray that He will surround you with true Christian friends.
- 1 egg. Solidifies. Brings it all together. Pray for the people who fill you spiritually and make you a stronger Christian.
- ½ teaspoon salt. Seasoning and preserving. Think of the people who you have trouble dealing with. Pray that God will take the "bad taste" out of your mouth and make you more tolerant of others.
- 6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips. The bonus. The prize inside. Pray
 for the people who make your life super special. Thank God for
 placing them in your life.

Directions: Mix it all together, bake at 350F until golden brown, and thank God for your many blessings!

Taste and see that
the LORD is good.
Oh, the joys of those
who take refuge in him!
Psalm 34:8 NLT

Things to Celebrate

Education Ideas

October is Breast Cancer Awareness, Computer Learning and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Have a guest speaker come and speak on one of these subjects.

October 8 is Columbus Day. What do you remember about Christopher Columbus?

October is also National Cookie Month. National Pizza Month, and National Popcorn Popping Month. How many recipes can you come up with?

Fellowship Ideas

October 1 is National Homemade Cookie Day. Do a cookie recipe exchange party.

Fellowship on Angel Food Cake Day (Oct. 10), National Dessert Day (Oct. 14), National Pasta Day (Oct. 17) or National Candy Corn Day (Oct 30).

Service Ideas

October is Clergy Appreciation Month and Pastoral Care Week is the third week of October. Do a service project for your corps officer.

October 5 is Do Something Nice Day & World Card Making Day is Oct. 6. Make a card for your corps officers. What other pastors and clergy in your community can you encourage this month?

October 16 is Bosses Day. What bosses needed encouragement and appreciation?

October 27 is Make a Difference Day. Look for ways for your WM group to make a difference to someone.

For more holidays to celebrate go to www.holidayinsights.com/ moreholidays/



Bible Study: No Sarcasm Month

Have you ever said something that as soon as you said it, you wished you hadn't? We all have. I am sure we can all think of many times where we had to eat our words. October is National Sarcasm Month, but as INSPIRED women, who desire to be women of Godly character, sarcasm has no place in our daily lives. Sarcasm is defined as "the use



of irony to mock or convey contempt." Sarcastic words are biting and hurtful. The Bible has a lot to say about the kind of speech we should have.

Read the following verses and make a list of what we are to say and what we are not to say: Psalm 34:13, Proverbs 6:16-19, 12:13-14, 18-19; 15:28; 17:27-28, 18:4, 31:26, Ephesians 4:29, Colossians 4:6, Titus 3:1-2.

Read the following verses and compare and contrast what words can do in someone's life: Proverbs 11:9, 12-13, 12:18, 15:4, 18:21, 20:15,21:23, 26:20.

Read James 3:1-12. What do you learn about our tongue and our words from this passage of Scripture?

"We choose our clothes more carefully than we do our words." Rabbi Joseph Telushkin

in his book, Words that Hurt, Words That Heal.

In her book *God's Wisdom for a Woman's Life* (p. 112), Elizabeth George writes that our words are to be "**soft** (Proverbs 15:1), **sweet** (Proverbs 16:21), **suitable** (Proverbs 16:24), **scant** (Proverbs 10:19) and **slow** (James 1:19)."



Make Psalm 141:3 and 19:14 your prayer:

Set a guard over my mouth, Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips. May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.