



## *May Grace Be Your Pleasure*

*Have you ever had such a sense of gratitude that you were just moved to tears with emotions of love, happiness and joy?? Would you like to experience those emotions and that sense of grace more often?? Do you think you would experience a greater sense of purpose and meaning in your life?? How would you begin to treat others, and deal with the issues that life brings up with others?? How would your creating and experiencing more grace in your life bring you a richer and deeper experience of love for life??*

*Well this is a most honored pleasure for me to share an idea or game with you that has added much richness and an attitude of gratitude in my life as anything else I've done. It is the idea of maintaining a Grace Account™. It is quite a simple game that I promise will be one of the most rewarding catalysts for love and joy that you will ever draw upon!*

**HERE'S THE GAME:** The game's end result is that you experience an ever-growing capacity to initiate love and grace in your life and in the lives of others, so it's ongoing. The vehicle to train you to develop this greater capacity is both tangible and intangible. It's based on the thousands of years old principle of tithing, and has just been modernized and made just a little bit more user friendly.

So the game is to now take a chunk of cash, it doesn't matter if it's \$10, \$100 or \$10,000, and put it into a jar or a bank account that becomes your personal Grace Account™ to be used to empower any cause, person or project that feeds you spiritually, emotionally or relationally. Now, is cash the only resource in your Grace Account™?? NO WAY!! You have so many resources even greater than your cash. Think about your time, talent, brains and brawn. How about your contacts, profession and just plain pleasant spirit? What happens is that if you acknowledge all the resources you have, and then make it easy and prevalent to offer these resources to others, you will experience greater fulfillment, Joy, Love and Grace because of it!!

**HERE'S WHAT YOU DO:** From my experience, since I first came up with the concept, the *more* I looked for ways to contribute and did, the more creative and resourceful I got in coming up with *ways* to contribute. So what you do first is to take stock of all the talents resources you bring to your Grace Account™, and feel good about that because this exercise is a great way to acknowledge yourself, strengthen your self-image, and maybe even remind yourself of some of your talents and resources that you haven't tapped into in a while, that may be quite useful and entertaining if you were to brush up on them a bit!

### **ACTIVITY CHECKLIST:**

- Make a list or DotBoard™ of all the people, Charities or organizations you'd like to contribute time, money or energy into, personally, or as a Team.
- Play over dinner with someone, as it makes for quite enlightening dinner conversations and fun.
- Some families have taken colored 3X5 cards for each member, and made their own lists of who and what they can do, which they then put in a big jelly jar, or in a file folder.
- There really are no rules of who and when you contribute to them, as that's part of the game to make up a plan of what you are going to do.
- Gather old clothes and things around the house to give other people/kids, and put it all in a big box or on closet shelves that also becomes part of your Grace Account Prize Closet!
- Plan family outings to volunteer at a Charity, or just clean up someone's yard, or paint.
- Check out <http://www.trickleup.org/> or <http://www.heifer.org/> where you can buy a cow, pig or flock of geese to start a micro economy in a third world country, name the animal and receive updates via e-mail! It's incredible!!

Contributing to others as a family teaches so many great lessons to your kids, and I promise you it will give you the most incredible feelings of satisfaction and fulfillment and purpose being alive!

Play full on, pay it forward and *Enjoy the Journey!!*