

TALK IT OVER

A Mindset of Generosity

BOTTOM LINE

Generosity is not about an amount; it is about having a plan.

CONVERSATION STARTER

When have you experienced unexpected generosity?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- [Live Generous](#) by Andy Stanley (27 min.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

While Jesus was in the Temple, he watched the rich people dropping their gifts in the collection box. Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins. "I tell you the truth," Jesus said, "this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them. For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has." Luke 21:1-4 NLT

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give ... And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 NIV

"Developing a mindset of generosity is truly life-giving. If you embrace a mindset of giving, you will save more, give more, and, maybe most importantly, you will consume less."

"It is impossible to be generous without having a plan. You will confuse random acts with generosity."

"Being generous is the most practical way to ensure you are seeking God's Kingdom first." – Quotes by Dwight Mason

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What's the difference between a mindset of generosity and occasional acts of generosity? Everyone gives, but not everyone is generous. Explain. You can't understand dollars without context. Discuss. The amount doesn't determine generosity – percentage does. What does that mean? If in your use of money, giving is last, you are not a generous person. If giving comes last, you are not following Jesus. How do you feel about that? Mindset giving is pre-decided, deliberate, and assigned. Which of those is easiest, then most challenging for you? Jesus talked so much about money because money is the key to our hearts. Suppose a person was writing a biography of you and wanted to know what things held your heart, so they got access to your bank and spending records. What would they say are some of the things that are most important to you? Would you feel good about it? Why or why not? If you give from a grateful heart and a broken heart, how will that impact your giving? A generosity mindset doesn't feel guilty saying no because they've already said yes. Can you do that? How?

ACTION STEP

I want to live 2025 with a mindset of generosity. I will prayerfully and carefully pre-decide, deliberate, and assign my financial assets to God's Kingdom first. I will write my plan and commit: _____