



TALK IT OVER

Not What You Think

BOTTOM LINE

Generosity is not natural.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What is the most significant purchase you made with your own money? The first significant gift given with your own money?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointeorg/daily
- [The Truth about Generosity](#) by Craig Groeschel (37 sec.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He [a]takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, "prompt to do it") giver [whose heart is in his giving]. 2 Corinthians 9:7 AMPC

And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35 NLT

"Generosity is not about doing something; it's about being something."

"Generosity is not random acts of giving. Authentically generous people don't require guilt or inspiration to give."

"If you have never learned to fully trust God, you will never be authentically generous."

"You have never met an unhappy generous person."

– Dwight Mason

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If you become truly generous you will give more, save more, and consume less. Reflect and discuss. What evidence do you see that generosity is not natural; no one is born generous? What evidence do you see that worry about money/having enough is natural? If a third-world person were dropped into your life, what would convince him that you are rich? **Generosity is spontaneous. Generosity is determined by cash flow. It's the amount that counts. Rich people are generous.** Which of these myths have you believed? How do you know they are not true, or do you still believe one or more? If generosity is the intentional mindset that God is the owner and I am a steward, what does that practically mean and how do I get there? If being blessed is not a moment in time but is the outcome of an intentional lifestyle, what does that mean for you when you pray for God to bless you or others? Generosity was the hallmark of Jesus and the early church. How can you live in generosity in response to the fact that He was rich but for YOUR sake became poor?

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I will honestly own where I need to grow in intentional generosity and strategize my response in my year-end giving and 2023 budgeting.

My Action Step: _____