



TALK IT OVER

Generosity Isn't about Money

BOTTOM LINE

Generosity is about becoming a person God can trust to bless others.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What is one of the most fulfilling gifts you ever gave?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- [You Just Think You Are](#) by Andy Stanley (27 min.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

God will make you rich in every way so that you can always be generous. Your generosity will produce thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11 GW

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father ... James 1:17 NIV

Freely you have received; freely give. Matthew 10:8 NIV

It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35 NIV

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16 NIV

"When you look at Scripture, you will see two movements throughout every page, every story, every command, every act of God. We RECEIVE from God, then we RELEASE for God."

"God never blesses us to create reservoirs. He blesses us to create rivers."

"The early church was not marked by wealth, buildings, or programs. They were marked by their generosity." – Quotes by Dwight Mason

"Giving is what you do with what you have. Generosity is what you do with who you are." – Andy Stanley

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We receive from God so we can release for God – for His kingdom. How does your heart instinctively respond to that statement? God says He has made us rich in every good way so we can ALWAYS be generous. That's not the typical stance of even Christian people. Why do you think we want to "give" but resist being generous? How do you see the distinction? Generosity isn't something we do to become spiritual – it is something we do because God has already been generous to us. Where do you recognize His generosity to you? How does our generosity show the world what God is like? Examples? Discuss: In a culture of a "me first" mentality, generosity is a light that draws people to Christ. How have you personally felt the struggle of materialism? Greed is an ugly word, and we refuse to use it about ourselves. But where have you honestly felt the pull of greed (wanting more and better) in your own heart? How are you intentionally fighting the pull of greed (Jesus said it is the root of all evil) in your life? How has God been faithful to you? How important is it to give intentionally, not emotionally? Generosity is transforming. Whose generosity has been transforming to you?

ACTION STEP

God's generosity to me is incomprehensible. This week I will seek His will and His heart for my generosity.

