



# Countercultural Practices

*Week 6: Generosity and Prayer | Teacher: Libin Abraham*

*Sermon Questions for 8.3.2025*

## Opener

When was the last time you were truly surprised?

## Read

1 John 2:16; Matthew 4:3, 6-9; Matthew 6:2-4; Matthew 6:16-18

## Main Points

1. Three most commonly used tactics Satan uses to distract us: (a) lust of the flesh - craving to indulge, (b) lust of the eyes - craving to possess, (c) pride of life - craving to glory in self.
2. Jesus is our victory and our power to live in victory.
3. The antidote to the lust of the eyes is giving in secret.
4. The antidote to the pride of life is praying in secret.
5. The antidote to the lust of the flesh is fasting in secret.

## Engage with God in a Group

- How have you seen our culture giving over to the strategy of the Enemy? Not as vices, but as virtues?
- When have you personally experienced the power of Jesus being your victory?
- What have been your biggest challenges to practicing generosity and prayer?
- How might you incorporate generosity and prayer into your personal moments with Jesus, in the secret place, where no one else would know?

## Bottom Line

Giving loosens the grip of greed, praying breaks the power of pride, and fasting quiets the cravings of the flesh.

## Practical Step This Week

1. Choose one secret act of generosity - find a way to bless someone in secret. Pay someone's tab, give to a need, remind your soul that you are not a slave to greed, but are marked by generosity.
2. Enter your secret place of prayer to express devotion to God and dependence on him.