

Leader Guide



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Series: Growth Spurt

Primary Texts: Proverbs 11:24–28

Big Idea: God uses Holy Hardship (faithfully received, whether you chose it or not) to make you like Jesus.

Title: Generous Stewardship

Sermon Outline

1. Every Blessing Is a Decision

- God has been good to us.
- The question: *Will I clutch what He's given, or channel it?*

2. The Paradox of Generosity (vv. 24–25)

- Those who “scatter” can actually increase; those who hoard end up with less.
- “A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”
- Generosity is about **posture**, not income level.

3. Reject Predatory Behavior (v. 26)

- God opposes hoarding that harms others.
- Generosity means we’re not here to **extract**, but to **bless**.

4. Re-anchor Security (vv. 27–28)

- Those who trust riches will fall; those who trust the Lord flourish like a **green leaf**.
- Generosity is a trust exercise—it declares, “God is my provider.”

Discussion Questions

A. HEART – “This Is Me”

1. When you look at your life, where can you honestly say, “God has been good to me”? How does that make you feel—grateful, guilty, nervous, something else?
2. Where do you feel most tempted to *clutch* God’s blessings instead of *sharing* them—money, time, energy, or something else?
3. When life feels uncertain, what do you instinctively lean on for security—your savings, your skills, your relationships, or God Himself?

B. HEAD – “This Is What I Need to Think About”

1. Read Proverbs 11:24–28.

What contrasts do you see between:

- those who scatter vs. those who withhold,
- those who trust riches vs. those who trust the Lord?

2. How does Proverbs show that generosity is a **wisdom way of life**, not a “give money, get rich quick” formula?
3. In your own words, what is the difference between **having** money and **trusting** money? Why does it matter for a follower of Jesus?

C. HANDS – “This Is How I Need to Act”

1. One Next Step in Giving

What is *one practical step* you can take toward regular, intentional generosity (for example, choosing a small percentage to start giving, or increasing what you already give)?

2. A “Trust Fall” Act of Generosity

Name one specific, concrete act of generosity you could do this week—financial or otherwise—that would feel like trusting God more than your comfort.

3. Bless, Don’t Extract

Is there any area (work, tipping, relationships, deals) where you might be “taking” more than you give? What is one change you can make this week to be a blesser instead of an extractor?