

FOOD FOR THOUGHT *(continued)*

5. Generosity is not simply about giving - it is about a mindset where you understand that God is the owner. How does that shift in mindset affect your view of generosity?

6. What would it look like for you to regularly practice contentment in your life? What is one way that you could do that?

7. What are some obstacles to you putting the Biblical plan for generosity into practice in your life? What can you do to overcome those obstacles? What will your financial and spiritual life look like 1 year from now if you don't?

8. What is your plan to become more generous during this next year? How can we help with that?

MESSAGE NOTES

Why Does It Even Matter // Week 3

Why does generosity even matter?

1. Generosity cultivates _____.

VERSE TO REMEMBER:

You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

2. Generosity builds my _____.

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. 1 Timothy 6:17

How to BE generous:

1. Determine the issue of _____.

Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own. Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.' Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"

"But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?' "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God." Luke 12:15-21

No one can serve two masters. For you will hate the one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money. Matthew 6:24

2. Regularly practice _____.

Those who love money will never have enough. How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness! Ecclesiastes 5:10

3. Develop a _____.



MESSAGE NOTES *(continued)*

A Biblical plan for generosity:

1. Determine to make it a _____.

*Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best. **Proverbs 3:9***

2. Determine to make it a _____.

Make an offering of ten percent, a tithe... bring this into the presence of God... in this way you will learn to live in deep reverence before God as long as you live.

Deuteronomy 14:23

3. Determine to make it _____.

Since you excel in so many ways... I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.

2 Corinthians 8:7

WE CAN DO MORE TOGETHER!

Over the next 2 weeks, we will have multiple serving opportunities available for you to sign up for in our lobby! As we head into this next school year, we want to make sure that we have fully engaged leaders helping others find and follow Jesus! AND... if EVERYBODY does SOMETHING... then NOBODY has to do EVERYTHING! Consider joining the team of fully engaged leaders who are helping people find and follow Jesus!

“Be doers of the word and not hearers...” James 1:22



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Our groups are taking a break for the summer. Use these questions for personal study and reflection during the summer season, and our groups will launch again in the fall!

INTRODUCTION

This week, we asked why generosity even matters? Check out these questions to dive into this topic further and take your next steps as it relates to generosity!

1. Do you consider yourself to be a generous person? Why or why not?

2. When you think about being generous, what negative emotion does it stir? Why do you think you feel that way? What would it take for you to overcome those emotions?

3. Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” In other words, happy people have discovered that the key to happiness is to order their financial lives around giving rather than around receiving. Is it difficult for you to believe that? Why or why not?

4. **2 Corinthians chapter 9** is instructions from the Apostle Paul regarding giving and generosity. Read that chapter this week. What stands out to you that applies to living generously today?