



Week 3 – “Giving Is Good”

“...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”
Acts 20:35

As Christians Knowing That Giving Is Good, Why Don’t We Give More?

- We Feel Like We Don’t Have **ENOUGH**
- We Have seen This Message **ABUSED**
- We Don’t Live Out Of Our **IDENTITY** As Sons And Daughters Of The Living God

“You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.” 2 Corinthians 9:11

When You Give, You Are Always A **BLESSING** And You Are Always **BLESSED**

The world of the generous gets larger and larger. The world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others, is abundantly blessed. Proverbs 11:24 -25 (The Message)

Three Truths That Will Help You Grow In Generosity:

#1. Trust God With The **TITHE**

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. Malachi 3:10

“When We Begin To Trust God With A Tithe It Moves Us Out Of Our Comfort Zone, Into A Posture Of Dependence And Into Worship.”

#2. **PLAN** Your Generosity

But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity. Isaiah 32:8

“Instead Of Planning To Get More Plan To Give More”

#3 Start By Been Generous **TODAY**

“I’m praying that you will put it into action, the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ.” Philemon 1:6



Talk It Over (Life Group Discussion Questions)

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's the best thing you've ever been given?
- What's the most meaningful thing you've ever given?

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- How do you think your life would look in five years if you increased your generosity now? And if you didn't?
- Read Acts 20:35, and Proverbs 11:24-25. Why do you think we still struggle to be generous?
- When do you find yourself living in a scarcity/orphan mindset? When do you act more from an abundance mindset?

Start sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- Have you ever had someone bless you with something totally unexpected, yet totally needed? Can you share?
- Do you have any stories of how giving to God or someone else led to breakthrough in your life?
- What could being generous now look like for you?

Start praying. Be bold, and pray with power.

God, this all started because You gave us Jesus. We want to give our lives back to You. Show us specific ways to increase our generosity and commit our resources to accomplishing Your ways. Amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- This week we were encouraged to tithe, plan our generosity, and start being generous now. What are your next steps?
- Try the three-month tithe challenge! [Contact tim@waipunachapel.com](mailto:tim@waipunachapel.com)

Additional Resources:

- Dave Ramsey's *Financial Wisdom from Proverbs* www.go2.lc/makingchange
- Start reading the "Your Version" four-day *I'm Generous* Bible Plan today. www.go2.lc/generous

Source Material:

Craig Groeschel – Life Church Open Resource <https://www.life.church>
Dave Ramsey - Financial Peace University <https://www.daveramsey.com>