

I AM GENEROUS

LUKE 18:18-30 & PHILIPPIANS 2:1-18

DAY 1: Generous People Aren't After Something **Luke 18:18~** Jesus pours out many undeserved blessings in our lives. If we aren't careful though we can start to see the goodness of Jesus as a means to an end. Rather than following Jesus because He's Jesus, we start to pursue Jesus as a means to fixing our our problems, or making life easier, or because we want something. *Are you following Jesus because there is something you want or simply because He is Jesus?*

DAY 2: Generous People Recognize God **Luke 18:19 ~** The ruler doesn't recognize Jesus as God. Jesus' response that only God is good is to test if the man recognizes him as God incarnate. When we lack generosity in our lives, we can lose the ability to see Jesus. *Is your generosity enabling you to see Jesus at work in your life, or is it keeping you from recognizing Him?*

DAY 3: Generous People Recognize Idols **Luke 18:20 ~** A lack of generosity can cause us to not see the idols we may have set up in our life. When we live generously we begin to recognize what matters and what doesn't actually matter. *How would your spending change if you asked the questions, "Why do I want that?" Or "Do I need that?" Or "Why is that important to me?"*

DAY 4: Generous People Don't Lack **Luke 18:22 ~** The one thing the ruler lacks is following Jesus. When we live generously we are able to follow Jesus fully and discover we no longer lack anything. *Do you feel like you are currently lacking? What is it and how can you pursue Jesus to fill it?*

DAY 5: Generous People Practice **Luke 18:28-30~** Prayerfully consider the 3 steps below. Pray over your generosity. Peter shows us in vs 28, that generosity is lived out and practiced. When we live generously we are filled with an amazing assurance from Jesus.

1

PRAY

Ask God to give you wisdom around your spending and your giving.

2

REDUCE

What spending in your life is God calling you to reduce? What idols need to be dropped?

3

INCREASE

How can you become generous? Begin the process of giving to the church.

Luke 18:28-30

Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!" "Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

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