

CONSUMED
We're Just Weird – Part 2

ON TV: I want to teach us how to do something that we may think that we already know how to do, but we don't. I want to teach us how to be **generous**.

ON TV: Generosity is the **planned, calculated, designated, freeing** of our personal financial assets.

ON TV: Persuasive people can tug on our emotions to get us to give and inspire us to give, or even guilt us to give.

ON TV: Generous people do not need to be sold.

ON TV: When we become generous, we will **give more**, and we will **save more**, and we will **consume less**.

ON TV: Jesus says we will be **happier**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"It is more **blessed** to give than to receive."* Acts 20:35

ON TV: Happy are those who organize their finances **around generosity**, rather than receiving.

ON TV: **Worry**

ON TV: We spend everything or more, than we actually make.

ON TV: Future consumption.

ON TV: How much more income would you need, to stop spending everything you make, or to stop spending more than you make?

ON TV: More money than we will ever get all at one time.

ON TV: This is a **self-control** issue.

ON TV: How much more money would you need to make, in order to quit using your credit card and carrying a balance? How much money would you need to make to **get completely out of debt** and **stay out of debt**?

ON TV: This is a **contentment** issue, not a money issue.

ON TV: How much more money do you think you would need to make to be able to have and create **financial margin**?

ON TV: How much more money would you need to **stop worrying** about money?

ON TV/OUTLINE: Worry is a **SPIRITUAL** problem.

ON TV: **More money** does not generate **more self-control**.

ON TV: Because we have **so much**.

ON TV: More money **does not stop worry** because worry is not about money.

ON TV: If it comes to me, it is **for me**.

ON TV: Greed

ON TV: Greed always leads to **worry** and to **discontentment**, no matter how many zeros we add on.

ON TV: Learning to be generous by organizing our finances around generosity **crushes the assumption that it's all for us**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"16 The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' 18 Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.' 19 And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'" Luke 12:16-20*

ON TV: Somebody else

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"This is how it will be...Luke 12:21a*

ON TV: Total Loss

ON TV/OUTLINE: *This is how it will be for those who store up things for themselves but are **not rich towards God**." Luke 12:21*

ON TV: Generous people don't assume it's theirs to **consume**.

ON TV: Jesus redefines and corrects our view of **ownership**.

ON TV: Since it's all going to be taken away, **why would we mis the opportunity to give it away?**

ON TV: Living like an **owner** and a **consumer**.

ON TV: Generous people think like **managers**, not owners and consumers.