



“Enjoying the Abundant Life of Jesus: Generous Life”

What is generosity?

1. Generosity is a willingness or readiness to give.
2. Generosity is a desire to put others first.
3. Generosity is unconditional.
4. Generosity is a compassionate response to a need.

Definition: Generosity is a compassionate readiness to give unconditionally for the sake of another.

Generosity can be exercised and expressed in a variety of ways. It's more than giving money (1 Timothy 6:18; Acts 9:36-42).

Why should we be generous?

1. Because God is generous. (James 1:17; John 3:16; Luke 6:35; Matthew 5:45; 2 Corinthians 8:9)
2. Because God owns everything. (1 Chronicles 29:14; 2 Corinthians 9:11; Matthew 6:19-20)
3. Because it's more blessed to give than to receive. (Acts 20:35; Luke 6:36; Proverbs 11:24-26)

How do we measure generosity?

1. By how much we sacrifice, not how much we give. (Mark 12:41-44)
2. By our willingness and eagerness of spirit. (1 Corinthians 13:3)

PRACTICAL APPLICATION: 100% of this year's Harvest Offering will go to the Fresno Mission to help provide emergency shelter and food for those who need it the most. Will you help?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Who is the most generous person you've ever known? How did their generosity inspire you or make you feel?
2. Which of the four aspects of generosity challenged or convicted you the most? Why?
3. How has God been generous to you personally?
4. Even if you don't have a lot of money, what are some of the ways you could demonstrate generosity toward others?
5. How does the fact that God owns everything change the way you think about your possessions and your finances?
6. Why do you think it's more blessed to give than to receive? Is that true in your experience?