Generosity – part 1 11/14/21

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Message Summary:

Generosity is not just your money

We can be generous with our thoughts...

We can be generous with our words...

We can be generous with our money...

We can be generous with our influence...

We can be generous with our time and attention...

We can be generous with our belongings...

Generosity is for everyone!

The requirements for generosity are as follows:

- 1. Identify an opportunity
- 2. Take action

Your life can become completely transformed by the power of generosity if you are willing to become intentional about identifying the opportunities around you, and then take action on those opportunities.

Pathway to a more Generous Life: Awareness - Action - Impact

Awareness: We experience things every day without actually being aware of those things!

Mark 5:21-24

Mark 5:24-29

Mark 5:30-34

verse 30

Jesus is demonstrating a remarkable awareness!

Awareness activates Generosity

The first step to a generous life is to become more aware of what is happening around us.

So how can we do this?

Every morning, ask God to help you become more generous!

Romans 12:1-2

Awareness begins with a shift in perspective!

Begin each day with this prayer: "I want to experience the joy that comes from being generous. I ask that today an opportunity to be generous will come my way, that I will recognize it when it does, and that I will have the courage to jump in and give."

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What stands out to you from the message?
- 2. Generosity is much more than freely giving away our money. In what ways does generosity extend your financial resources? Does this shift come easy for you? Why or why not?
- 3. Share a time when you were blessed by being generous with your time, talents, or treasure. What was the result? How did it make you feel?
- 4. What encouragement do you receive from the Scriptures shared in this message? Read the passages and make comments.
- 5. What changes do you need to make to live a more generous life?

End your group time in prayer: "I want to experience the joy that comes from being generous. I ask that today an opportunity to be generous will come my way, that I will recognize it when it does, and that I will have the courage to jump in and give."