

Generosity – part 3 11/28/21

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Message Summary:

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.

We can be generous with our thoughts, words, money, influence, time, attention, and belongings.

Generosity is about taking your entire life - everything you are and everything you own - and using it to bless the people around you.

Awareness: moving from a “desire” to “action” in living generously!

Impact: having a strong effect on someone or something.

Our Christian story is a story of impact.

Acts 2:42-46

Acts 1:8

Jesus is challenging his followers to have an impact on their world, because of the impact he has had on them. Jesus is creating a ripple effect!

One of the things this early church was known for was its incredible generosity. They shared all of their possessions and made sure everyone was cared for.

The generosity of God expressed through Jesus was the ripple allowing the first church to be

The ripple effect is powerful because it has the ability to go on until Jesus comes back. That is - if we do our part.

The generous life is extremely contagious. When we commit to being generous people, the ripple effect will continue to create more generosity in the world!

Matthew 5:16

The end goal of our generosity should always be for other people to see God for who He truly is!

If you choose to commit yourself to a generous life, you will create a legacy.

What is the most powerful legacy you can create? A legacy of generosity

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Discussion Questions:

ICEBREAKER: What is one of your favorite gifts you've ever given to someone else? Why was it so memorable?

1. What stands out to you from the message?
2. We just celebrated Thanksgiving. In your opinion, how is gratitude linked to generosity?
3. What encouragement do you receive from the Scriptures shared in this message? Read the passages and make comments.
4. Have you thought about the kind of legacy you'd like to leave? How can you take a small step toward that aim?
5. BONUS--Read the article and share your thoughts with one another:
<https://christianinvestors.org/blog/10-tips-being-more-generous-your-life-part-3-our-generosity-blog-series>