



ADULTING, PART 4: GENEROUS PEOPLE

Money is such a touchy topic but it is so important to deal with, especially when talking about emotional and spiritual maturity. See, the Bible reminds us in John 3:16 that God loves us so much that he “gave.” James 1:17 tells us that “every good and perfect gift comes from God above.” God is generous. His salvation is free. BUT, money is the test in Scripture about whether or not you truly are generous.

BIG IDEA: Open hearts and open hands lead to emotional health.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How have you experienced “stinginess” or greed in your life? Have you been on the receiving end of someone’s generosity? How did that feel?
2. Based on the teaching from this week, what does a life of generosity look like? What is meant by saying that generosity is “a way to live life?”
3. We see in John 3:16 that God gave. How does John 3:16 reveal giving from God’s perspective?
4. *With your Bible or Bible App, read Matthew 6:19-21, 24, speaks of “treasures in heaven”. How does having an eternal perspective affect the way we presently live?*

19 “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be., 24 “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money. - Matthew 6:19-21, 24 (NLT)

5. *With your Bible or Bible App, read 1 Peter 4:10 and 1 Corinthians 4:1-2. What does it mean to be a steward? How does being a steward of God’s gifts impact one’s ability to be generous?*

10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. - 1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

1 So look at Apollos and me as mere servants of Christ who have been put in charge of explaining God’s mysteries. 2 Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful. - 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 (NLT)

6. What are some tangible ways we can better steward the gifts we have been given to live a life of generosity resulting in emotional health and the advancement of God’s Kingdom?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

What’s holding you back from being generous to your neighbor, generous to your church, generous to the Lord?. How can we support each other this week when it comes to generosity?

