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**97% of Americans are missing out on “well-being”
because only 3% of Americans are considered
“generous.”**
The Paradox of Generosity
Christian Smith and Hilary Davidson

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“It’s an easy matter for a stingy man to get rich, but what’s the use? It’s better to tell your money where to go than to ask where it went. You only take with you what you gave away.”

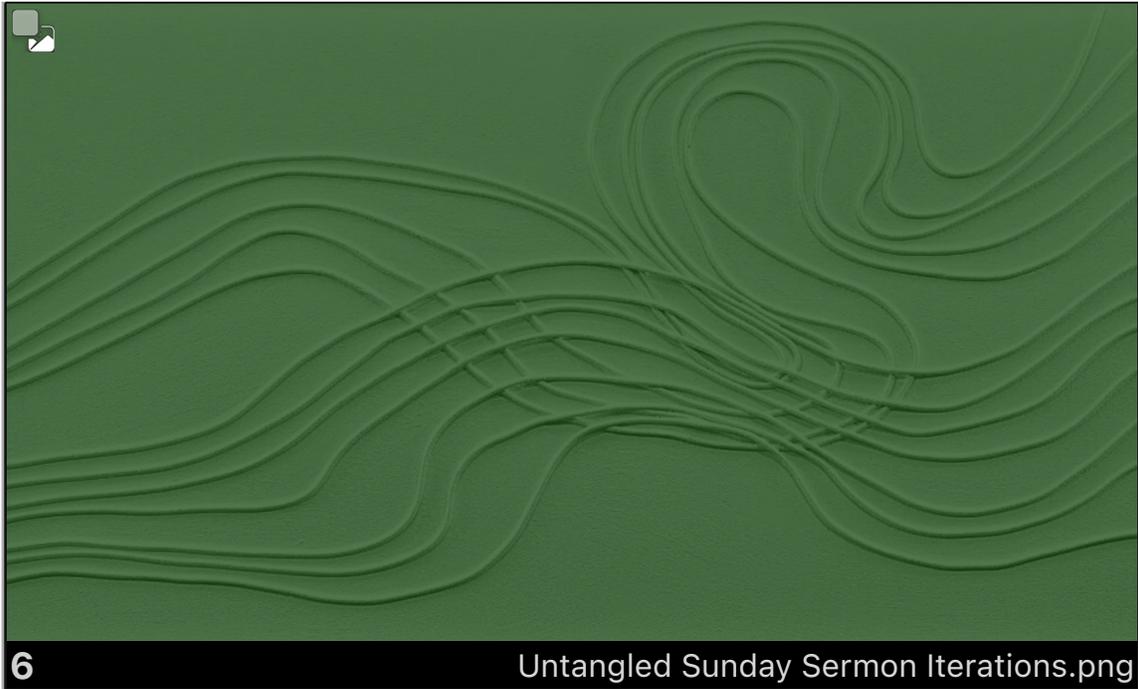
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Generosity emphasizes trust, surrender, joy, and release of the resources entrusted to us.

Stewardship emphasizes responsibility, planning, and faithfulness to God’s purposes with the money he has entrusted to us over time.

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“For it is just like a man about to go on a journey. He called his own servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to another one talent, depending on each one’s ability.

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Then he went on a journey. Immediately the man who had received five talents went, put them to work, and earned five more. In the same way the man with two earned two more. But the man who had received one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money.

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After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five talents approached, presented five more talents, and said, "Master, you gave me five talents. See, I've earned five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master's joy."

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The man with two talents also approached. He said, “Master, you gave me two talents. See, I’ve earned two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy.”

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The man who had received one talent also approached and said, “Master, I know you. You’re a harsh man, reaping where you haven’t sown and gathering where you haven’t scattered seed. So I was afraid and went off and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.”

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His master replied to him, “You evil, lazy servant! If you knew that I reap where I haven’t sown and gather where I haven’t scattered, then you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and I would have received my money back with interest when I returned.

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“So take the talent from him and give it to the one who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have more than enough.

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But from the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. And throw this good-for-nothing servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 25v14-30 (CSB)

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Stewardship is managing God's resources for God's purposes in light of eternity.

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Wise stewardship begins with **ownership.**

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**“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.”
Psalm 24v1 (CSB)**

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Wise stewardship leads to joy.

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Give generously, save responsibly, steward wisely.

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Wise stewardship is measured by **faithfulness.**

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Faithful stewardship with a little opens the door to God trusting me with more.

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Wise stewardship reveals our **theology.**

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God uses *how I use money* to reveal to me *what I believe about him*.

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Wise stewardship is lived with **eternity** in view.

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To be a wise steward of God's resources in our lives, it will take **attention** and **intention**.

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Attention means **I am fully aware** of what has been entrusted to me.

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Attention looks like:

Sitting down with your bank statement and praying,
“Lord, what does this reveal about my heart?”

Practically:

Do you know what percentage you give?

Do you know where your money actually goes?

Do you know how much debt you carry?

Do you know your margin?

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Intention means **I decide in advance** how God's resources will be deployed.

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“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart.”
2 Corinthians 9v7 (CSB)

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Intentional stewardship is pre-decided obedience.

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Intention sounds like:

“Before I spend, I will give.”

“We will set a percentage.”

“We will save and build margin to be more generous.”

“We will invest in eternity.”

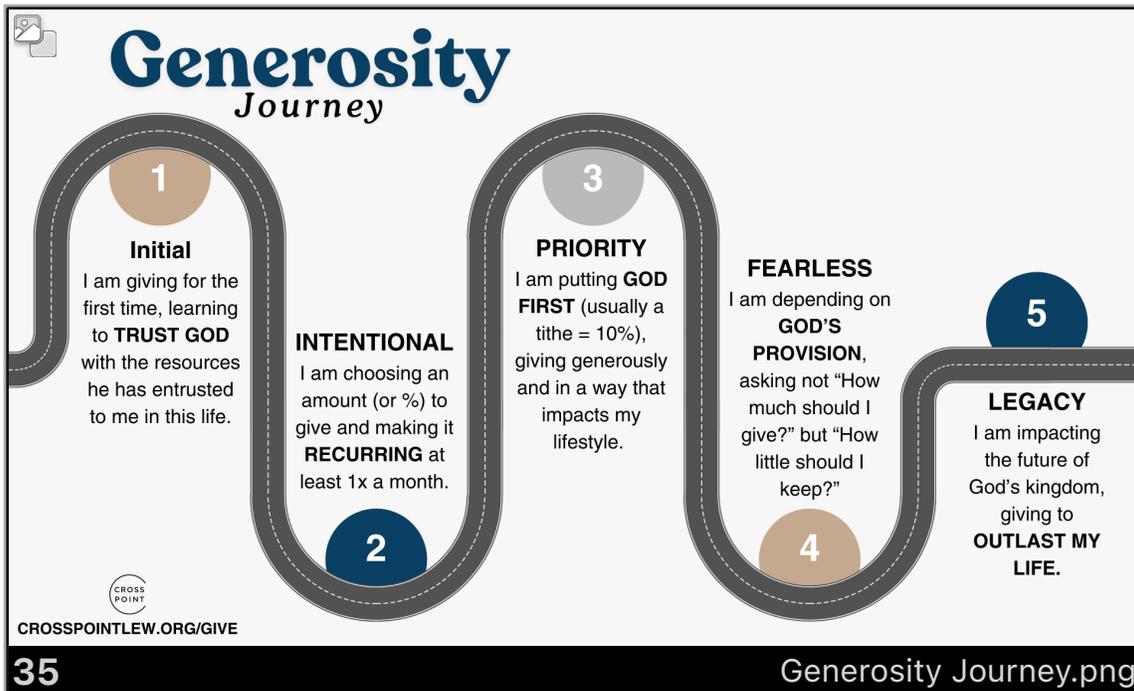
“I will increase my standard of giving before I increase my standard of living.”

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Attention helps me see clearly what I've been given and entrusted with.

Intention helps me put in motion faithfulness of God's resources through me for eternal impact.

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How to begin stewardship journey?

For those not giving → start.

For those drowning → seek counsel.

For young adults → find a mentor.

For families → audit your lifestyle.

For senior saints → model a generous life through legacy



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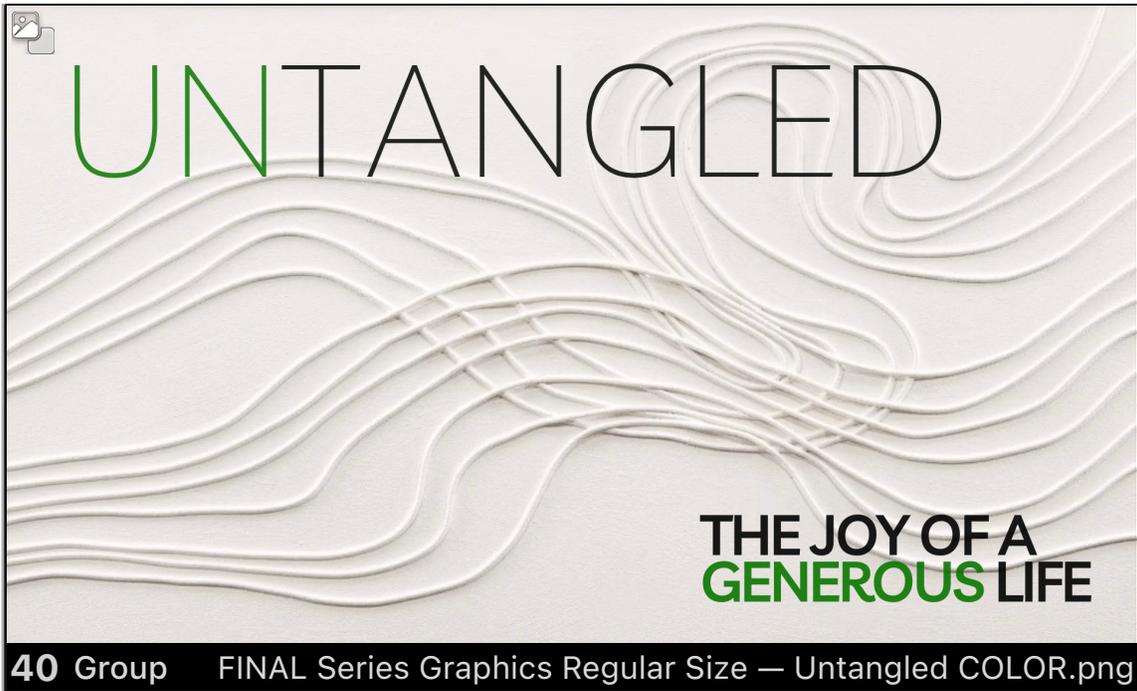
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