

# THE JOY OF GENEROSITY

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UNLEASHED  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
TEACHING NOTES

This series is not about what we want from you, it's about what we want for you: JOY

*Most people love gifts!*

## THERE IS JOY IN BEING GENEROUS

Acts 20:35 (NASB)

"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

*Generosity gives deep joy to our soul!*

## SELFISHNESS CAN ROB OUR JOY

*God opens up opportunities to be generous all the time!*

James 4:17 (NIV)

If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

Luke 18:18-23 (NASB)

A ruler questioned Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" But Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. "You know the commandments, 'DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT GIVE FALSE TESTIMONY, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.'" And he said, "All these things I have kept since my youth." Now when Jesus heard this, He said to him, "One thing you still lack; sell all that you possess and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he had heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely wealthy.

*It's not about self, it's about people!  
It's not about legalism, it's about love!*

*He walked away with his stuff and sadness!*

## SELFLESSNESS FILLS US WITH JOY

Luke 19:1-2 (NASB)

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich.

Luke 19:8-10 (NASB)

But Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I am giving to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I am giving back four times as much." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

**NEXT WEEK: IRRATIONAL GENEROSITY**

*We're so glad you joined us. If you would like more information about God, Jesus and the Bible, please talk with any of our church leaders.*

***Thank you for joining us!***