

## FELLOWSHIP NOTES ~ Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026



### Part 1: “Is There Such a Thing as ‘The Good Life’?”

**A lifestyle of Generosity for the glory of God is the good life.**

#### Why This Series?

Because...

1. The world around us needs to see what true Christian generosity looks like so they can see Jesus in and through us.  
*“Let your light shine before others. So that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”* Matthew 5:16b
2. Generosity is one of our core priorities as a church: “Pursue a Commitment to an Ever-Increasing Culture of Generosity”.  
*“Don’t neglect to do what is good and to share, for God is pleased with such sacrifices.”* Hebrews 13:16  
*“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.”* Ephesians 2:10
3. It’s easy even for followers of Christ to believe the lies of the enemy concerning what living the good life is all about.  
*“When he (the devil) tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of lies.”* John 8:44b
4. Generosity is an essential building block to your growth as a disciple of Jesus and your pursuit of being like him.  
*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”* 2 Peter 3:18
5. You’ll be happier and blessed by God when you pattern your life by the example and teaching of Jesus and not the world’s.  
*“There is MORE happiness in giving than in receiving.”* Acts 20:35
6. A generous lifestyle will help you bring honor and glory to the Lord, which is the ultimate purpose for your life.  
*“So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”* 1 Corinthians 10:31  
*“For you were bought at a price. So glorify God with your body.”* 1 Corinthians 6:20



## Action Steps:

1. Read and meditate on what the Bible says about the generosity of God. The more you learn and think about how generous the Lord is, the more you'll love and appreciate everything's He'd done, is doing and is going to do for you, and it will increase your own desire to be generous like him.
2. Learn more about living a lifestyle of generosity by checking out the resources in the café.
3. Discover ways to effectively manage your personal life by attending the Faithful Finances in a Modern World Workshop – May 17<sup>th</sup>. Sign up today.
4. Engage your generosity by being here tonight for our Mexico Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction Fundraiser.

## SCRIPTURE VERSES ABOUT GOD'S GENEROSITY

### God's Generosity in Creation

As we consider God's generosity, we first think about the world around us. God created everything, from the vast oceans to the tiniest flowers, and He did it out of His love for us. He placed us in a stunning universe loaded with resources, beauty, and life. This is a testament to His overflowing generosity. We can look around us and see God's handiwork, a reminder that He gives abundantly for our joy and sustenance.

*"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day."* – **Genesis 1:31**

*"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."* – **James 1:17**

*"How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small."* – **Psalms 104:24-25**

*"He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."* – **Matthew 5:45**

*"Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."* – **Acts 14:17**

### God's Generosity in Provision

God's provision for our needs is another incredible aspect of His generosity. He knows what we require at every moment, and He has promised to provide for us. This provision isn't just for our physical needs, but also for our spiritual and emotional well-being. As we trust Him, we can experience the peace that comes from knowing He is our ultimate provider, attending to our every need.

*"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."* – **Philippians 4:19**

*"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them."* – **Matthew 6:31-32**

*"I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging for bread."* – **Psalms 37:25**

*“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.” – 2 Corinthians 9:10*

### **God’s Generosity in Grace and Salvation**

One of the most profound expressions of God’s generosity is found in His grace. Through His grace, God provides us with salvation, an unmerited gift that we could never earn or deserve. This grace is an incredible demonstration of His love for us, showing that regardless of our mistakes and shortcomings, He continually offers us forgiveness and the chance for redemption. This should inspire us to be generous to others and share the good news of this salvation.

*“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” – Ephesians 2:8-9*

*“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” – Romans 5:8*

*“He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.” – Titus 3:5*

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” – John 3:16*

*“And all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.” – Romans 3:24*

### **God’s Generosity in Daily Blessings**

Every day, we experience God’s generosity through the little blessings in life. From the warmth of the sun on our faces to the laughter shared with friends, these small gifts remind us that generosity does not always have to be grand. It is essential to recognize and appreciate these daily blessings, cultivating a grateful heart that acknowledges God’s generosity in our lives.

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.” – Ephesians 1:3*

*“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

*“Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.” – Psalm 68:19*

*“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” – Lamentations 3:22-23*

*“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” – Colossians 3:17*

### **God’s Generosity Encourages Our Giving**

God’s generosity does not just encourage us to receive but also prompts us to give. When we recognize how deeply we’ve been blessed, we naturally want to share those blessings with others. This spirit of generosity transcends material gifts; it includes our time, effort, and love. By being generous to others, we reflect God’s heart and become a blessing in their lives.

*“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Corinthians 9:7*

*“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.” – Proverbs 11:25*

*“Give, and it will be given to you: a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” – Luke 6:38*

*“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” – Acts 20:35*

*“If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?” – 1 John 3:17*