

# My Generosity Can Make a Difference

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"Generosity is the willingness to use your time, talents and material wealth to benefit others and impact eternity." - Ron Blue

## Generosity - what does the Bible say?

Acts 17:24-25; 14:17; John 3:16; James 1:17; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; 2 Corinthians 8:7

Jesus and Generosity: Matthew 6:19-21, 24, 33

### 3 Big Lessons from the Bible on Generosity:

· Money is a **TOOL** 

Deuteronomy 8:18; Proverbs 10:22

Money is a <u>TEST</u>

Proverbs 30:8-9; Revelation 3:15-17

Money is a <u>TESTIMONY</u>

Acts 4:32-5:11

## Why aren't more people generous?

## Why be generous?

- **GOD** is generous, it starts with Him
- As we are generous, we reflect God's <u>IMAGE</u> in us

Genesis 1:27

· We **EXTERNALLY** demonstrate the **INTERNAL** change that is occuring

Romans 12:2

# How my generosity to Hope Church make an Eternal Difference?

- With **NEW** believers
- MATURING believers
- KIDS & STUDENTS
- UNIVERSITY students
- Missions & <u>COMMUNITY</u> Ministry

The generosity journey requires both **FAITH** and **ACTION** 









#### **Resources:**

- True to Real: Support the Work
- The New You Financially
- The Generous Life series starts October 24, 2021

### **Memory Verse**

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21 ESV

### My Next Steps:

- o I'll memorize Matthew 6:21.
- o Today for the first time, I'll choose to follow Jesus!
- o I'll step on/up the Generosity Ladder.
- o I'll automate my giving.
- o I'll commit to Pray, Invest & Invite in 2021!
- o I'll participate in the next START HERE.
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### Difference Maker Commitment:

I \_\_\_\_\_\_, as a follower of Jesus Christ, I desire to be used by God, to make an eternal difference in the lives of the people He has uniquely positioned me closest to.

By God's grace and with His help, I will make it a priority to pray for individuals who don't know Jesus, invest my personal resources in building relationships for the purpose of sharing Christ and buy up the opportunities God provides to show and share the gospel with others.