



Life Group Leader Guide

Week 4 Message: Give Generously

Series: Thrive in 2025

Date: 1/26/25

Bible Passages:

Matthew 6:21; Proverbs 11:24; Luke 12:15; Proverbs 22:7; 1 Timothy 6:10; 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-4,12; 2 Corinthians 9:7; 1 Timothy 6:18-19; Proverbs 11:25; John 3:16

Sermon Recap:

In his sermon, David emphasizes the importance of giving generously as a key principle for thriving in 2025. Many view discussions about money as sensitive or even inappropriate in church, yet Jesus speaks about money extensively, illustrating that it reflects our heart's condition. David challenges listeners to combat greed and debt, through generosity. Generosity he points out generosity as a supernatural and joyful act that signifies spiritual growth and trust in God's provision. He encourages us to examine our giving habits, understanding that true generosity leads to richer relationships with God and others, ultimately impacting eternity.

Ice Breaker

1. If you won the lottery tomorrow, what would be the first thing you would do with the money?
2. If you could only keep one drawer in your "life dresser," which one would it be and why? (Feel free to be creative—maybe it's the "snack drawer" or the "vacation drawer"!)
3. What is one area of your life where you find it easy to be generous, and one area where you find it challenging? Why do you think that is?

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think money and generosity can be uncomfortable topics for many people?
2. How does the statement from **Matthew 6:21**, 'Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be,' relate to the idea of generosity?
3. In what ways can you evaluate where your 'treasure' is being invested in your life right now?
4. How does greed manifest in our daily lives, and what steps can we take to guard against it?
5. What challenges do you personally face when it comes to being generous, and how can you overcome these challenges?
6. How does giving generously contribute to our spiritual growth and maturity?
7. In what ways does generosity have an eternal impact, both for ourselves and for others?

Prayer

- Ask for prayer requests.
- Pray for a heart of contentment, trusting in God's provision and being grateful for what you have.
- Pray for God to align your heart with His, so that your desires and priorities reflect His will, especially in the area of generosity.
- Ask for strength and wisdom to recognize and overcome any tendencies toward greed or materialism in your life.

Weekly Bible Reading Plan: Each day, take time to pray and ask God for the strength and discipline to commit fully to Him. Reflect on what you want most in your spiritual life and what steps you need to take.

Day 1: Understanding Generosity. **Read:** **2 Corinthians 8:1-7**. Reflect on the example of the Macedonian church and their joyful generosity despite their poverty. Consider how generosity is an attitude, not an amount.

Day 2: The Heart of Giving. Read: Matthew 6:19-21. Meditate on Jesus' teaching about where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Reflect on how your giving reflects your heart's priorities.

Day 3: Overcoming Greed. Read: Luke 12:13-21. Read the parable of the rich fool and Jesus' warning against greed. Consider how greed can hinder generosity and how to guard against it.

Day 4: The Joy of Generosity. Read: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. Reflect on how God loves a cheerful giver and the joy that comes from giving.

Day 5: Eternal Impact of Generosity. Read: 1 Timothy 6:17-19. Consider how generosity stores up treasures in heaven and impacts eternity. Reflect on how you can be rich in good deeds and generous to those in need.