



Contrast

Week 2: Generosity

CCV Groups Discussion Guide

OPENING QUESTION:

Can you share about a gift someone gave you that was surprisingly generous?

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READ:

- [2 Corinthians 9:6–15](#)

DISCUSS:

- After reading 2 Corinthians 9:6–15, how do these principles align with or contrast with cultural norms around money and possessions?
- Why do you think generosity was such a frequent topic for Jesus?
- Which type of generosity is easiest and which is hardest for you?
 - Giving your energy through acts of service
 - Offering your resources to meet needs
 - Listening generously
 - Spending time with those who need your presence
- If Jesus were to have a one on one meeting with you, what do you think he might challenge you to do as a next step for generosity?

PRAYER:

Take prayer requests and ask individual to pray for each request given.

SCRIPTURES:

Deuteronomy 15:7–8, “If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be.”

Proverbs 11:24–25, “One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.”

Proverbs 19:17, “Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.”

Proverbs 21:13, “Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered.”

Matthew 6:21, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Luke 6:38, “Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

Luke 12:33, “Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.”

Acts 20:35, “In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

1 Timothy 6:18–19, “They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”

Hebrews 13:16, “Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”