

# The Generous Life

## Week 2: The Mechanics of Generosity

### CCV Groups Discussion Guide

#### Opening Question:

Considering the families who have been faithful givers to the mission of CCV for over 40 years, how have you been personally impacted by their generosity?

#### Groups [Video Guide](#)

#### Read it again:

- [Malachi 3:6-18](#)

#### Discuss:

- When people are burdened with financial hardship or the economy takes a downturn, what are some common first reactions people have?
- Who or what has been most helpful for you in your own financial journey?
- Read [1 Corinthians 8:1-15](#)? What principles of giving can you draw from this passage?
- Do we all know about <https://ccv.church/stewardship>. It breaks down the resources into five categories: Surviving, Struggling, Stable, Secure, Surplus. Where would you say you are and why?
- The Stewardship page also highlights 3 areas of Stewardship: Discovery, Obedience, and Generosity. People will typically fall into 3 categories: tithing, and eventually generosity. Share your journey in these areas and where do you think most people struggle?

#### Prayer:

Thankfulness is a key skill/attitude for growing financial stability. So focus your prayers this week on Thanksgiving and acknowledging God as the Provider and Creator and Owner of it all.

## Scriptures:

- **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.”
- **Matthew 6:21**, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
- **1 Timothy 6:17–19**, “As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 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.”
- **2 Corinthians 9:6–7**, “The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”