

# Deepen My Discipline: Generosity

DEEPEN

**Generous:** “showing a readiness to give more of something, as money or time, than is strictly necessary or expected.” (Oxford)

**1 Timothy 4:7; Proverbs 5:23; Proverbs 6:23;  
Proverbs 12:1; Hebrews 12:11**

## **1. Generosity is the Way of Jesus**

- Colossians 2:6
- Galatians 2:20
- **Reality Statement:** The more we ‘walk in Jesus’ (Col. 2:6) and allow Christ to ‘live in me’ (Gal. 2:20), the more His generous ways will flow through my life.
- **Sermon Challenge:** If you don’t find yourself growing in generosity, it’s because you’ve stoped growing in Christ!
- **Quote:** *God prospers me not to raise my standard of living, but to raise my standard of giving.*” - Randy Alcorn

## **2. Generosity Tells the Truth About Your Heart**

- Matthew 6:21
- 1 Timothy 6:10
- Ecclesiastes 5:10
- Proverbs 22:2
- **Reality Statement:** We will all one day give an account of our stewardship over God’s money. He will not be displeased by radical generosity!
- Hebrews 13:16
- Matthew 6:24
- Luke 6:38

## **3. No One Drifts into Generosity—You Decide It**

- 1. Change Your Heart
- 2. Begin to Tithe
- 3. Make a Budget
- 4. Save \$1,000
- 5. Pay Off Your Debts
- 6. Save for Your Goals
- 7. Give Generously

**NOTE:** All Scripture references are in (ESV) unless otherwise noted.

# Charge Groups

## WHY WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

💡 Remind the group of why we gather (To experience the presence of God & the building-up of one -another)

*Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. - 1 Peter 4:9*

## ENCOURAGE THE GROUP

💡 Spend some time encouraging the group. Use this icebreaker question to laugh, enjoy one-another and look for opportunities to encourage. You can also begin by simply sharing one-high and/or one-low of the week.

**Icebreaker ?** *If money were no object and you had to be wildly generous in a creative way (not just writing a check), what would you do for someone?*

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## PRAYER & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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💡 **Facilitator:** Open the discussion time by sharing the purpose of Sunday's message OR share your most memorable part of the message. Spend time reading the scriptures on page 1 & discussing.

### 1. Read Colossians 2:6 and Galatians 2:20:

- In what ways does Jesus model generosity beyond just finances?
- How have you seen spiritual growth directly impact generosity (or lack of growth restrict it)?
- What might be one area where Christ wants to live more generously through you?

### 2. Read Matthew 6:21 and Matthew 6:24:

- What does your spending reveal about what you treasure most?
- Why do you think money is such a powerful competitor for our devotion to God?

3. How do verses like **1 Timothy 6:10** and **Ecclesiastes 5:10** challenge our culture's view of wealth?

4. Why do you think generosity requires discipline rather than emotion? Which of the practical steps under point 3 is hardest for you? Why? *(look back under point 3 at the 7 steps on sermon notes)*

5. What would it look like to make a concrete decision toward generosity this month?

## 💡 NEXT STEPS

**Financial Peace University starts next Sunday, March 1 at 9:45am.** Scholarships are available. Find more info at [walkchurch.com/events](http://walkchurch.com/events). You can also sign up for the group at [walkchurch.com/groups](http://walkchurch.com/groups) (see directory)

Encourage each other to take next steps based on the discussion. If something specific comes up, support one another in moving forward. Before ending, spend time praying for one another, asking the Holy Spirit for guidance. You may feel led to pray for a specific person or situation. If there's a practical next step, like baptism or joining the family, encourage each other to follow through.