



A LEGACY OF GENEROSITY

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WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **Awake My Soul** (*Hillsong Worship*)
- **I Believe** (*Phil Wickham*)
- **Firm Foundation (He Won't)** (*Cody Carnes*)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Ephesians 4:28
- 1 Thessalonians 3:10
- Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

What is one lesson about money (positive or negative) that you learned from your family growing up?

SERMON OVERVIEW

This week's message explored God's design for work, provision, and generosity in the lives of His people. We examined six key principles about how believers should view and handle finances, recognizing that our relationship with money often reveals our relationship with God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Part 1: Understanding Our Money Mindsets

1. Pastor Brian mentioned that both poverty and wealth can create unhealthy mindsets. What are some mindsets that can develop from:
 - a. Growing up in poverty? (fear, lack, hoarding, hopelessness)
 - b. Growing up with plenty? (entitlement, superiority, judgment)
2. Which of these mindsets, if any, do you recognize in your own life? How has it affected your relationship with money and generosity?
3. Read James 4:3 and 1 Timothy 6:10. Why do you think God sometimes withholds financial blessings? What "wrong motives" might we need to examine in our own hearts?

Part 2: Work and Provision

4. Discuss Ephesians 4:28. How does this verse show a progression from taking to giving? What does this reveal about God's transformative work in our lives?
5. Read Ecclesiastes 3:12-13. What does it mean to "find satisfaction in all their toil"? If you're not currently enjoying your work, what might need to change—your work or your perspective?
6. Share a time when you experienced God's provision in a tangible way. How did that experience strengthen your trust in Him?

Part 3: Generosity and Giving

7. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. What stands out to you most in this passage? What is the difference between "giving to give" versus "giving to get"?
8. Pastor Brian stated, "God wants us to be so united with him that we fully trust He's got our back and that we can be generous." What barriers prevent you from trusting God fully with your finances?
9. Discuss the concept of tithing (giving 10% to the local church) and offerings. What questions or concerns do you have about this practice? How have you seen tithing impact your faith journey?

Part 4: Practical Application

10. Of the six principles shared in the sermon, which one challenged you the most? Why?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. God intends for His people to work in order to meet their personal needs and the needs of others.
2. God intends for His people to enjoy their work and prosper financially in their work.
3. God intends for His people to learn to rely on Him for all they need.
4. God intends for His people to be blessed financially, but He will withhold His blessing from people who can't handle it.
5. God intends for generosity to flow through His people.
6. God intends for His people to give tithes and offerings to the work of the kingdom.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Choose ONE of the following action steps to implement this week:

Heart Check

Ask the Lord to reveal any unhealthy mindsets, emotions, or motives in your heart regarding money. Journal what He shows you and confess any areas where money has become an idol.

Generosity Step

Identify one way you can be generous this week—financially or otherwise. This could be:

- Giving to someone in need
- Blessing a ministry or missionary
- Treating someone to coffee or a meal

Financial Assessment

If you're not currently tithing, prayerfully consider what step you can take toward biblical generosity. If you need help with budgeting or financial planning, reach out to a trusted mentor or financial counselor.

CLOSING PRAYER

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." — 2 Corinthians 9:11

Generosity is not about the amount—it's about the heart. God is looking for cheerful givers who trust Him completely.