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## Taking Stock: How to Move from Weary to Wise "Why Generosity Is More Important than We Think" (Part 1)

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The reality is, none of us are \_\_\_\_\_ generous.

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It's impossible to become \_\_\_\_\_/genuinely spiritual without becoming generous.

God by His very nature is a \_\_\_\_\_ (note **Isaiah 9:6; John 3:16; Romans 8:32**).

As we become more generous with our time, talents, and treasures, we start to fulfill God's \_\_\_\_\_ for us (note **Ephesians 5:1-2a**).

## **2.** Generosity Is the \_\_\_\_\_ for Selfishness (note **Proverbs 1:18-19**)

\_\_\_\_\_ creates all kinds of trouble and problems in our lives and no one is immune from it (note **1 Timothy 6:10**).

When I give, my \_\_\_\_\_ grows larger (in a good way), I grow spiritually, and I break the grip of materialism in my life.

## **3.** Generosity Deepens/Strengthens My \_\_\_\_\_

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Your heart follows your treasure (it's how God \_\_\_\_\_ us).

## 4. Generosity Shows My Faith Is \_\_\_\_\_

Faith is like a \_\_\_\_\_ (when you use it, faith grows).  
One of the ways God helps us see what our faith is genuinely like is through our \_\_\_\_\_ (note **2 Corinthians 9:13a**).

## 5. Generosity Has a \_\_\_\_\_ Effect (note **Psalms 112:5**)

The Scriptures tell us multiple times that God \_\_\_\_\_ generous people.

The \_\_\_\_\_ people on earth are givers, not takers (note **Luke 6:38** and **Acts 20:35**).

## 6. Generosity Is My Investment in \_\_\_\_\_ (note **Luke 16:9**)

Even the greatest investments on this planet only last for one \_\_\_\_\_.

Investing in eternity for Jesus' glory and to fulfill His mission means we're making an eternal \_\_\_\_\_.

### ***So let's take stock:***

- God provides all kinds of \_\_\_\_\_ for us to begin, continue, and grow in generosity.
- And when we take that next step (note **2 Corinthians 9:10-11a**).

***Tell us about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!***

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*If you could see the front page of a national newspaper dated January 1, 2100, what do you imagine the main headline might say?*

1. Since we are immersed in “a consumer-driven, materialistic, and self-centered world” what are some of the most potent obstacles or temptations in your life that prevent you from being consistently generous?
2. Read **Psalm 37:21**, **Ephesians 5:1-2**, **Romans 8:32**. Since God is a giver, we imitate God when we give. What are some ways you can emulate God with generosity this week?
3. Pastor Tom said that “Generosity is the Antidote for Selfishness.” This implies that selfishness is like a disease and generosity is its cure (**Proverbs 1:18-19**). How has being generous counteracted the plague of selfishness in your life?
4. Read **2 Corinthians 9:13a** (Phillips). In what way(s) does generosity authenticate your faith as genuine? Give an example.
5. Read **2 Corinthians 9:10-11a** (NLT). What do these verses say about why God has provided more than we need and how will that impact your attitude toward personal generosity?

## PERSONAL GUIDE

*Day One:* Mark 4; Psalm 121

*Day Two:* Numbers 4; Proverbs 28

*Day Three:* 2 Corinthians 11; 1 Kings 17

*Day Four:* Revelation 13; Lamentations 3

*Day Five:* Song of Songs 5; Acts 9

*This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*



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