



- A healthy church wants to reflect _____.
- How would Jesus want me to _____?

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and most important commandment. The second is like this one. And it is, "Love others as much as you love yourself." Matthew 22:37-39

Do to others as you would like them to do to you. Luke 6:31 (NLT)

An important question:

Is the _____ God wants us to be reflected in the _____ I aspire to be?

- Why we personally give expresses our _____.
- "We choose to be generous because _____ is generous."

GOD's works are so great, worth a lifetime of study—endless enjoyment! Splendor and beauty mark his craft; His generosity never gives out. Psalm 111:2-3 (MSG)

This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (MSG)

We need to look at the Definition of Generosity:

- Willing and lavish in giving to God and others.
- Willing to give more than what is needed...
- Looking to invest in something other than ourselves.

A few things to remember:

- Generosity is an expression of _____.

Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. What God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that. Ephesians 5:1-2 (MSG)

- Generosity is about more than _____.

It is as the Scriptures say: "The godly man gives generously to the poor. His good deeds will be an honor to him forever." 2 Corinthians 9:6-9 (TLB)

- Generosity will include _____.

Jesus says that generosity is:

- A _____ issue we can't afford to lose.

19 "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT)

- A _____ we can't afford to miss.

If you live squinty-eyed in greed and distrust, your body is a dank cellar. If you pull the blinds on your windows, what a dark life you will have! Matthew 6:23 (MSG)

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)

- A _____ we can't afford to waste.

"You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't worship God and Money both." Matthew 6:24 (MSG)

Jesus said, "The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford - she gave her all." Mark 12:43-44 (MSG)

A strategy for generosity:

- _____ your generosity.

But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity. Isa 32:8 NLT

- Make giving a _____

Honor GOD with everything you own; give him the first and the best. Proverbs 3:9 (MSG)

- _____ being generous now.

And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ. Philemon 1:6 (NLT)

- Invest in _____.

"Don't store up treasures here on earth where they can erode away or may be stolen. Store them in heaven where they will never lose their value and are safe from thieves. If your profits are in heaven, your heart will be there too." Matthew 6:19-21 (TLB)

"Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity." Luke 6:38 (MSG)



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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Do you personally aspire to be a healthy part of the church? How do we make that happen?
- Do you believe that generosity is important? Why is generosity important in the life of a Christ follower?
- In your own words how would you tell someone about God's generosity?
- How was Jesus generous?
- How does generosity get expressed in our lives?
- Why is generosity an expression of our love?
- How is generosity a heart issue we can't afford to lose?
- How does generosity affect our life perspective?
- How do we plan our generosity?

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