



## MISSION

# GENEROSITY

**Objective for Learning:** To understand the Kingdom principle of generosity and to see yourself as a steward, not an owner of the things God has given to you.

**Objective for Living:** To be content with what you have and to also be actively generous with your money and possessions.

**Objective for Reproducing:** To be able to reproduce contentment as well as actively stir up generosity and giving in others.

### Scriptures for Generosity:

- Hebrew 13:5
- Proverbs 11:24-25
- Matthew 6:19-21
- Deuteronomy 15:7-8
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
- Proverbs 19:17
- Luke 12:33
- 2 Corinthians 9:11
- Acts 2:45
- 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

How do each of these Scriptures help to **define** and **illuminate** what accountability is and why it is important?

### Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

#### Overview:

Jesus talked more about money than almost anything else during His ministry here on earth. On multiple occasions, He warned us of the temptation of money. He said we couldn't serve two masters, God and money, and He told some people that if they really wanted to follow Him they had to give everything away. Jesus was adamant that we get the point that money does something to the human soul when you hold on to it, when you put your trust in it, and when you spend it excessively on yourself.

If you *really* want to know what someone values, look at their bank account. Don't listen to what they tell you they value; let them put their money where their mouth is... literally. You will see the true trail of devotion by how they spend their cash. And as a disciple, you should really take this question seriously: "How am I spending my money?" How you manage your money and materialistic possessions (or let your money and stuff manage you) reveals the true nature of your soul. Is it Christ-centered or self-centered?

When you come to God, you are no longer who you were. If you belong to God you have experienced a new birth, new life, a new name, and a new Father. God makes you of a new genus, *generosus*: a generous steward of what God has given you. By living generously, you are living out the status and claim of being a child of the King!

### **Questions for Learning and Living:**

- According to the Scriptures above, what is the Biblical call when it comes to money, generosity and giving?
- What are some of the major stumbling blocks that hinder you personally from being more generous?
- What is the difference between a tithe and an offering?
- In what ways can we be regularly generous?
  - List off ways you could be generous this week, this month, or this year.
- Are there areas of generosity that God is calling you to that would require some faith in your budget? If so, what are they?

### **Questions for Reproducing:**

- What are some of the ways that others led you into giving and/or a lifestyle of generosity? How can you emulate that and reproduce it in others?
- How can you help encourage others in the area of generosity without being pushy?
- What environments do you have sway and pull in your life currently to lead others in generosity and giving?

### **Doing (Implementation and Application):**

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
  - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or reproducing in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.