

GENEROSITY

Mark 6:35-44

Titus 3:3-7

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Awareness

Before listening, reflect:

- How would you define generosity? In what ways have you experienced generosity from others?
- Do you think generosity comes naturally to you? Why or why not?

Generosity does not always come naturally to our human nature, yet the apostle Paul encourages Christians to cultivate this virtue in their lives. Thankfully, Scripture offers us a wealth of teaching to help us understand what it means to be generous like God is generous to us. As people made in God's image, when we recognize that generosity is part of God's very nature, we discover the source for nurturing our own generosity. Together, let's discuss the ways we can let God's generosity influence how we can be generous—with our money, but also with our time, our words, and our very lives.

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Reflection

After listening, consider:

- In segment 1, hosts Scott Hoeszee and Darrell Delaney discuss the connection between generosity and joy, saying "Generous people are joyful people." Based on your experience, would you agree? Why or why not? Can you think of an example of when you experienced or witnessed someone else experience joy from being generous?
- Reread Titus 3:3-7. How or where in your life have you witnessed God's kindness, love, and generosity?
- In segment 2, Darrell and Scott discuss generational momentum and how the generosity of one generation inspires the next. While reflecting on good generational momentum and Paul's teaching in 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, Scott says, "When we are generous, other people find more reasons to praise God!" In what ways did this discussion on generational momentum impact your thinking about generosity? Why do you think the connection between generosity and praising God is an important one to remember?
- In segment 3, Scott and Darrell discuss how we can be generous with our money, our time, ourselves, and our words. Which of these areas feels easiest for you to be generous in? Which is the hardest?

Related Passages

- **Ephesians 2:1-10**
- **Psalms 37:21-26**
- **Proverbs 11:23-25**
- **Proverbs 22:9**
- **Genesis 12:1-3**
- **Galatians 6:1-10**
- **1 Thessalonians 2:3-8**
- **James 1:5**

Conclusion

Spend some time reflecting on your responses above. How are you being challenged to nurture your generosity? Close your time of reflection with Darrell's prayer from the end of the episode: "God, give me the wisdom on how to be generous in a way that pleases you and honors your name and serves the people you called me to serve. Amen."

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