

Generosity

The apostle Paul encourages Christ's followers to be generous people. Yet, for many of us, generosity does not come naturally. In our human nature, we often feel resistant to giving very much of our time, talents, or money for the sake of others. Join *Groundwork* as we study Scripture to discover why generosity is an important virtue for Christ's followers to cultivate and what it means to be a generous person. We'll discuss the generous character of God, the generosity of Jesus, and how we can lean into their abundant generosity so that it nurtures our own. Together, we'll identify practical ways we can cultivate this important virtue in our everyday lives.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- 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?



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READ [Mark 6:35-44](#), [Titus 3:3-7](#), [2 Corinthians 9:6-15](#), [1 Timothy 6:17-19](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- In segment 1, hosts Scott Hoezee 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 for further study

[Ephesians 2:1-10](#), [Psalm 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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