

Lesson 2: God's Grace and Your Giving

Big Idea: Your giving is motivated by and a reflection of what you've been given. We will know that we have money in the right place in our hearts when the culture of acquisition is replaced in our hearts with a culture of generosity, where joy in giving overwhelms joy in getting.

John 3:16 – For God so loved the world that he gave...

Generosity Story

1. The generosity of creation
2. The generosity of the law
3. The generosity of the incarnation
4. The generosity of the cross and forgiving grace
5. The generosity of accepting love
6. The generosity of scripture and the church
7. The generosity of daily mercy
8. The generosity of eternity

Principles for Giving

1. Where to Give

- Local church
- Charities you support
- Community organizations
- People

2. How much to give?

3. How to give

- Directly
- Bank transfer
- Giving fund
- Asset transfer

4. Giving & Tax Stewardship

Benefits to giving

1. Orients our hearts
2. Reorients our priorities
3. Demonstrates our obedience to God
4. Allows us to engage in God's work
5. Storing up joy for ourselves
6. Personal Benefits
7. Improves your commitment/engagement with your community
8. Tax Benefits
9. Models biblical values to your children
10. Giving models God's Grace in our hearts and to the world

Discussion Questions

God's generosity is meant to overwhelm us with his majestic glory and fill our hearts with gratitude. How does this affect your view of money? How has this impacted you?

The Bible commands us to give the first fruits of our income. What does this mean? How do we practically give our first fruits?

Homework

Reread your study notes and meditate on these passages.

- Philippians 4:19
- Matthew 6:31-32
- Psalm 34:10

Talk with your family about the role of giving in your family's financial life. Decide together how you want to give. Who are you going to give to? How much are you going to give? How often are you going to give? In what way are you going to give? Be specific. Write this down on your financial plan.