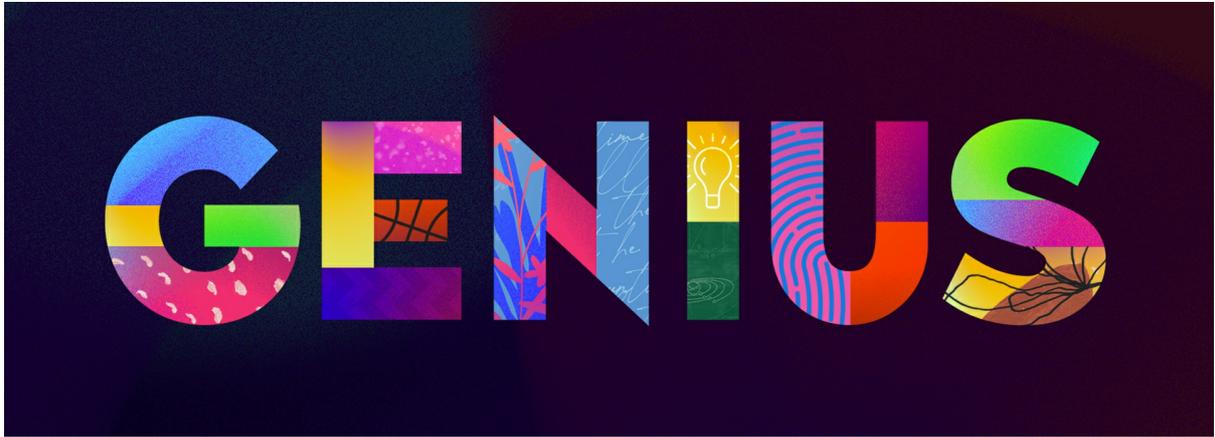


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Seven Lessons on Generosity:

1. It's all from God and it's all for God.
2. Don't accumulate possessions, accumulate experiences.
3. You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.
4. After you count the blessing, flip the blessing.
5. God doesn't bless you to raise your standard of living, but to raise your standard of giving.
6. Wise men come bearing gifts.
7. You can't outgive God.

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward Him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy bread to feed all these people."

—John 6:5

We need to move from blaming and shaming to compassion.

Every person you meet is worth the cross to Jesus!

What if we learn to prepare a table in the presence of our enemies, literally?

“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers,”

—Hebrews 13:2

It's not your responsibility, but it is your opportunity.

Hospitality is a form of Generosity.

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“Jesus asked this only to TEST him, for He ALREADY KNEW WHAT HE WAS GOING TO DO. Philip answered him, ‘It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for everyone to have a bite!’”

—John 6:6-7

NCC Core Conviction: God is going to bless us in proportion to how to GIVE TO MISSIONS and CARE FOR THE POOR in our city.

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the MEASURE you USE, it will be measured to you.”

—Luke 6:38

Important Biblical sequence in Genesis: before there was original sin there was original blessing.

The Law of Measures: with the measure you use, it will be measured unto you.

The Law of Treasures: God doesn't need your money but He wants your heart.

“Do not store up treasures on EARTH, where moth and rust destroy, where thieves break in and steal. Store up for yourselves treasures in HEAVEN, where moth and rust do not destroy, where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your TREASURE is, there your HEART will be also.”

—Matthew 6:19-21

MONEY issues are TRUST issues.

“Another of the disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother spoke up. “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish.”

—John 6:8-9

“He is not fool who loses what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

—Jim Eliot

“When everyone had ENOUGH to eat, he said to his disciples: “Gather all the pieces that are LEFT OVER. Let nothing be wasted.” So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. When the people SAW THE SIGN Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the PROPHET who is come into the world.”

—John 6:12-14

Our math vs God’s math

If you keep what you have: $5 + 2 = 7$

If you give it to God: $5 + 2 = 5,000$ R12

“But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”

—2 Corinthians 8:7

“Excel” comes from the Greek word perisseuo, which means “above and beyond”.

FOUR LEVELS OF GENEROSITY:

LEVEL ONE is giving SPONTANEOUSLY.

LEVEL TWO is giving CONSISTENTLY.

LEVEL THREE is giving PROPORTIONATELY.

LEVEL FOUR is giving RADICALLY.

What is your NEXT step on your Journey toward Generosity?
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