



## Attribute 6: Living a life of generosity

### ▶ Scripture References

#### **Acts 20:35**

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

#### **Luke 6:38**

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."

#### **2 Corinthians 9:6**

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

#### **2 Corinthians 9:7**

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

As a believer, who finds himself engaged in the marketplace, the obvious place I go with generous thoughts is my checkbook and credit card statements because they mirror what's important to me. God's word certainly tells me to be generous with my money but it also seems that he asks for more than that. He wants me to be generous with all that I am and all that I have (Luke 12:21, Mark 12:30).

God doesn't want my money as much as he wants me to be generous with my money. In the same way, He wants me to be generous with my time and talent as well as my treasure. In short, he wants all of me and all I have to love Him and love my neighbor. The truth is that

God has entrusted me with all that I have. I am not the owner, simply the manager or steward.

Apostle Paul says, in 2 Corinthians 9, that God loves a cheerful giver. He goes on to say that God's grace will allow me to abound in every good work because of His all-sufficient grace. If this is the case, then allowing God to work in my heart to show me how to share and give away the resources He has entrusted to me is just the beginning of the process. It's where Living a Life of Generosity becomes reality rather than theory.

As a young couple we are just getting started on the path of living generously. We are finding it to be an exciting, stretching and rewarding way to live, and we pray that God will give us the ability to understand how to best steward His resources now and into the future.

We have purposed to hold on to everything with open hands and open hearts. We are privileged to live in a house with a swimming pool. Living in the hot south, that is a big deal. By making our backyard available to our friends, neighbors and family we are solidifying Kingdom relationships. I must admit that there has been some struggle as it relates to our private time, but as Ambassadors of the King we have come to realize that His directive to us is to live a generous life with all we have...including our swimming pool.

IMPACT THOUGHT FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

**Read:** Acts 20:35; 2 Corinthians 9:6; Proverbs 22:9; Luke 6:38

IMPACT VERSE FOR FURTHER REFLECTON:

## Group Exploration

HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE OR DESCRIBE LIVING A LIFE OF GENEROSITY?

WHO IN YOUR LIFE SEEMS TO BE LIVING A LIFE OF GENEROSITY. DESCRIBE AS BEST YOU CAN SOME OF THE CREATIVE WAYS IN WHICH THAT PERSON OR COUPLE MODELS GENEROSITY. HOW HAS THAT IMPACTED YOUR LIFE?

WHAT DOES LIVING A LIFE OF GENEROSITY CURRENTLY LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

DESCRIBE HOW YOU WOULD DESIRE IT TO LOOK?

## Personal Application

WHAT WILL YOU DO STARTING TODAY TO BEGIN THE JOURNEY OF LIVING A LIFE OF GENEROSITY? IF YOU ARE MARRIED, HOW MIGHT YOUR SPOUSE BE INVOLVED?

WHAT ARE SOME AREAS IN YOUR LIFE WHERE YOU SENSE GOD MIGHT BE ASKING YOU TO RE-EVALUATE YOUR GENEROSITY?

WHAT HELP OR ENCOURAGEMENT DO YOU NEED FROM THIS TEAM TO GET STARTED ON A GENEROSITY JOURNEY?

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