

Paths of Discipleship

Week Nine: Generosity

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"Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. ⁷ You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." ⁸ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. ⁹ As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever." ¹⁰ For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. ¹¹ Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous."

2 Corinthians 9:6–11 (NLT)

The meaning of Generosity:

G_____.

_____ **freely**.

E_____.

S_____.

1. Generosity _____ Discipleship.

A. _____ **God**.

B. Cultivates _____.

C. Develops _____.

D. Enriches the _____ **of Jesus in us**.

"You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich."

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NLT)

2. Generosity Fully Resources the _____ of Jesus.

A. T_____.

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple."

Malachi 3:10a (NLT)

B. P_____.

"If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!"

Malachi 3:10b (NLT)

3. Generosity: Builds relationships for _____ Jesus.

"And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need...⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved."

Acts 2:44–45, 47 (NLT)

4. _____ Generosity.

A. Take _____ **of your finances**.

B. Commit to _____.

C. Get on the _____ **path**.

D. Plan to _____ **others**.