



Series: The Joy of Living a Generous Life

Passage Luke 16:1-18 17:1-4

Title Generous in Relationships

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Discussion Starter:

- What are some new and creative ways we can use our generosity to develop relationships that will point others to Christ and bring glory to His name?

Be Generous Stewards of All That God Gives You (Luke 16:1-13; 2 Corinthians 5:9-10, 9:6-11)

- Do you think that the steward in this parable was surprised to find out that his time was up and that he had to give an account of his how he managed the masters resources? Does this relate in any way to us as Christians? If so, how?
- When the steward realizes that his stewardship is over he decides to use whatever time he has left to build relationships with his master's debtors so they would remember his kindness and take them into their homes. Jesus is teaching a truth through this worldly example of the power that generosity has in building relationships. Since hearing this message have you been encouraged reach out and bless someone with your generosity? Do you feel the same sense of urgency as the steward in this parable?
- Why do you think that Jesus commends the unjust steward for dealing shrewdly in Luke 16:8? What truth is Jesus trying to drive home about the purpose of money for us as His stewards?
- Why is our example of how we use generosity to build relationships so important to God?

Being Taken Advantage of Your Generosity (1 Corinthians 6:1-7, Matthew 7:3-5; Proverbs 18:13)

- How do you react when people take advantage of your generosity? What instructions are we given in 1 Corinthians 6:1-7 as to how we are to react when someone has taken advantage of us?
- Why is it so important not to let hurt feelings fester if you have been taken advantage of after being generous with someone?

Important Steps Before Rebuke

- What does it mean to get the log out of your eye and why is this so important before meeting with someone how has taken advantage of you?
- What are some questions we should ask ourselves to see if we are just being petty about the situation?
- What is the key reason or purpose that we need to be mindful of... that before we engage with someone to rebuke them, that we have a desire to listen first before we lecture, a gentle spirit and a heart that is quick to forgive?