



Series: The Joy of Living a Generous Life

Passage Luke 17:3-10, Matt 25:29-46

Title Generous in Relationships (Part II)

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Discussion Starter: How have your views about being generous changed since we began this series on generosity?

Jesus is Generous (Isaiah 32:8; Genesis 1:26)

- We are God's divine work. He desires to mold and shape us into someone generous (like Jesus). How does our ability to be generous effect our usability and intimacy with God?
- Isaiah 32:8 says, "A *generous man devises generous things, and by generosity he shall stand.*" Define how this verse uses the following words: **Devises? Things? Stand?**
- When devising a generous plan for our time, treasures and talents there are three ways we can choose to distribute them: Spending, Giving or Saving. According to God's word what is the proper order of these three? How does this differ from how the world handles their time, treasures and talents?

Be Generous with FORGIVENESS (Luke 17:3-10)

- The disciples found Jesus' teaching on forgiveness very difficult. How did Jesus respond to the apostles when they asked Him for **more faith** to be able to forgive someone seven times in one day? Did Jesus think that their problem was a lack of faith or something else?
- Jesus revealed that the issue was not a matter of needing **more faith** but rather less entitlement. How and why does entitlement choke forgiveness and generosity?
- When we are generous we grow! How does humility **fuel** our generosity to others? How does humility effect our relationship / usability with Christ?

God So Loves the World (Matthew 25:29-46)

- In Matthew 25:29 Jesus say that everyone who **has** (uses properly), **more** will be given, and he will have abundance. What do you think the words "**has**" and "**more**" represent contextually?
- Why do you think Jesus is desiring us to look after and care for this specific group of people? Widows, Orphans, Prisoners, Homeless, Hungry, Thirsty, Sick (any and all who are in need).
- Discuss what these verses reveal about Christianity: 1John 3:14; James 1:27
- In Matt 25:29–46 what does Jesus do for those who are generous to people in need? ...for those who neglect people in need? What does this reveal about Jesus? About man? About eternal rewards?