

Making Change Series
“Giving is Good”

You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’

Acts 20:35 (NLT)

Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

2 Corinthians 9:11 (NLT)

How do we Grow in Generosity?

Trust God with the tithe.

“One-tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord and must be set apart to him as holy.

Leviticus 27:30 (NLT)

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. 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 3:10 (NLT)

“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law - justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.

Matthew 23:23 (NLT)

**God can do more with 90% blessed
than I can do with 100% on my own.**

Plan your generosity.

But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity.

Isaiah 32:8 (NLT)

Find a way to give.

Start being generous now.

And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ.

Philemon 1:6 (NLT)

When you give, you will be a blessing.

When you give, you will be blessed.

SO WHAT?

*The world of the generous gets larger and larger;
the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.
The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed;
those who help others are helped.*

Proverbs 11:24-25 (MSG)

Growth Group Questions

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Have you ever had someone bless you with something totally unexpected, yet totally needed? Share that story.

2. Do you have any stories of how when you gave something, either to God, or to others, and you experienced a profound blessing in your life?

3. Re-read Malachi 3:10. Why do you think people struggle to give regularly to Gods work?

4. Re-read Isaiah 32:8. What can you do to start to plan out your generosity?

5. Re-read Philemon 1:6. How can you start NOW being generous regardless of your financial situation?

6. Re-read Proverbs 11:24-25. How do you think your life will look in 5 years if you increased your generosity now?

How would it look if you didn't?

7. How can you join together with others to live a life of generosity together?