



Part 2: You Just Think You Are

Note to Leaders: Every Link is Different. Don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group

INTRODUCTION

Everyone gives something somewhere. But that masks the fact that most of us aren't generous. This sounds offensive, but there's a difference between true generosity is more than random acts of giving. Generosity is the premeditated, calculated, designated emancipation of personal financial assets. When you become generous, you give more, save more, and consume less. It can free you from the great insanity cycle of spending all or more than we make, having no financial margin, worrying about money, and spending money we don't have in order to distract ourselves from worry.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you think about being generous, what negative emotions does it stir? Why do you think you feel that way? What would it take for you to overcome those emotions?
2. Why do you think so few people are truly generous?
3. During the message, Ps. Daniel described some myths about generosity: generosity is spontaneous; generosity is driven by cash flow; it's the amount that counts; and only rich people are generous. Which of these myths have you believed in the past? How did that belief affect your generosity?
4. Read Acts 20:35. Is it difficult for you to believe that happiness is ordered around giving rather than receiving? Why or why not?
5. Read Luke 12:16–21. What's the difference between planning for the future in a healthy way and hoarding money for your security and consumption? Is there such a thing as being too generous?
6. During the message, Ps Daniel defined generosity as "the premeditated (you plan it), calculated (you know how much to give), designated (you know where to give it to), emancipation (giving) of personal financial assets." Respond to that definition. Do you agree? Why or why not?
7. What is one thing you can do this week to begin to trust God with your finances, to live as though everything you have belongs to him? How can this LINK support you?

MOVING FORWARD

Generous people do not assume everything they have is theirs to consume. They recognize that it all belongs to a loving heavenly Father who can be trusted to care for them. You can break the insanity by behaving like and thinking like a giver, not a consumer.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God." Luke 12:20–21

PRAYER POINTS

- Praise God for the many new people in our church.
- Pray for our Kingdom Builders Program during March
 - That people will develop the heart of generosity & will participate in Commitment Sunday 26 March
 - People of THE ROCKS will grow in their faith through this experience.