

Generosity Encouraged

(Insights on 1 Corinthians 16:1-4)

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How the Tithe became a Tip...

- Generosity has Become:

(Psalm 37:25-26, 1Timothy 6:17-19)

- An _____ response instead of a _____ Discipline.
- An _____ instead of an _____

- The Ancient Tithe:

(Deuteronomy 26:12-13, Proverbs 3:9-10)

- A _____ responsibility
- Based on what _____
- Given to support the _____

- The Modern Day Tip:

- Based on what's _____
- Given to support the _____

The Discipline of Generosity...

(1 Corinthians 16:1-4)

1. Generosity is...
2. Generosity is...
3. Generosity is...
4. Generosity is...

This weeks discussion guide:

Welcome to “week 11” of our Small Group Session! We are getting together to pray for one another and study God’s Word. Next week will be our last meeting time as we will take a break for the summer.

Getting Started:

1. We live in a world of incredible technology. If you had to give up two of the technologies below for 24/7, which would they be and why?

- Cell Phone
- TV Programming
- Email / Social Networking
- Internet (w/o social networking)
- DVD & DVR Capabilities
- Digital Photography & Mobile Music (MP3 players, etc.)

If you could only keep one, which would it be and why?

2. Most schools have finished up this past week which means summer is here! What are you most looking forward to about this summer? Are you going on any trips?

Quick Review: Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Digging Deeper:

1. Our generosity usually flows from the perspective of our possessions. How might a person balance saving, retirement, and the attitude of the man in the parable found in **Luke 12:13-21**?

What are one or two decisions this man could have made that would have demonstrated a wiser outlook?

2. It's not odd to think if we made more money we would be more generous. But studies show this usually isn't the case. How might the following verses help you develop a healthy perspective about your finances and the spiritual discipline of generosity?

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

Psalms 46:10

Proverbs 13:11

Proverbs 15:22

Ecclesiastes 5:10

Matthew 6:19-21

3. Most of us work our entire lives to earn a paycheck. Sometimes the thought of a paycheck, or a bigger paycheck, begins to consume us. Matthew 6:24 tells us that "We can't serve both God and money." God is calling us to love him with all our hearts. How do we live this out especially in light of 1 Timothy 6:10? How have you seen 1 Timothy 6:10 verse lived out in your life or in people's lives around you?

4. Being generous with our money reflects a generous heart. The reason God calls us to be generous is because he has been very generous with us. How have you seen God being generous with you? If you have kids, what are some strategies to teach them the discipline of generosity in all areas of life?

Wrapping Up:

Based on last week's message and our discussion, is there any specific application that God might be prompting you to live out?

Take a few moments to take some prayer request and spend some time praying for the other members in your group.