

Family Ministry Life Group Curriculum

JANUARY 2026 - Giving Week 1

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Extravagant Generosity
Robert Schnase

WEEK 1

1- Does “generosity” or the idea of generosity appear in Scripture? Why or why not? Does God care or not if we are generous? Explain your thoughts about this.

In the into to Schnase's book, he says:

“Giving helps us become what God wants us to be. Giving is not merely about the church's need for money but about the Christian's need to grow in generosity. Generosity is a fruit of the Spirit, a sign of our spiritual growth. God uses our giving to change the world for God's purposes, and God uses our generosity to reconfigure our interior lives and to change us!

That's a lot of info in an introduction! Discuss key points with your group, like:

- How does giving help us become what God wants us to be?
- Why does the Christian need to grow in generosity?
- Does the Bible tell us that generosity is a fruit of the Spirit? If so, where and why is that important?
- In what way is generosity a sign of spiritual growth, or in what way is not being generous a sign of spiritual immaturity?

2 - We often hear the word “stewardship” when it comes to giving. What does it mean to be a steward? What do stewardship and generosity have to do with each other?

3 - Read 1 Timothy 6:18-19. What is surprising in this verse as it teaches us about generosity? What connection is there between generosity and “life?”

4 - Read 2 Corinthians 8:7. Corinthians teaches us so much about the Christian life and a lot of the missteps we make as we aim to follow Christ. In the midst of those great passages, we get this blurb about “excel(ling) in the grace of giving.” What does that mean? Why does Paul care if we excel in this as opposed to other parts of our Christian life?

5 - There is a kind of practice of Christianity that is “transactional.” To get something from God, a person needs to do something for God — prayer, saying nice things, returning a shopping cart to the rack at Walmart — The idea is do good in order to get from God. Another way people look at Christianity is from a debtor's perspective. God did a lot for me in Jesus, and I have to repay him- I'm in debt to God.

Read Psalm 116:12- What can we learn from this verse about generosity without slipping into bad theology about grace, works, or how/why we give?

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WEEK 2

1- Read Psalm 24:1, Colossians 3:23-24, and Matthew 6:33. In what ways are these verses connected to one another? How do they build on each other? What are some of the big ideas we can take away from them as we put all of their teachings together?

2- All of life belongs to the Lord; he entrusts us with everything we have and all we are, and we are expected to live and give in such a way that we invest in ways that honor the Lord and impact people's eternities.

Below is a way to summarize our whole life into categories. As you read the verses, discuss how you and others in your group might better invest these things and in these areas in God's Kingdom work at The Sanctuary Fellowship and in everyday life in 2026. The 7 T's of stewardship!

TIME- Ephesians 5:15-20

TEMPLE- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

TALENTS- Matthew 25:14-18

TREASURE- Matthew 6:19-24

TRUST IN GOD- 2 Timothy 1:14

THEOLOGY- 1 Timothy 4:6

TESTIMONY- 1 Peter 3:14-16

Make sure you're not being too general or vague with your answers. Talk about universal ways Christians can be whole-life stewards, then make sure your LG members are sharing specific ways they can be more faithful stewards in these areas.