More time spent with fewer people leads to greater lasting impact for the Kingdom of God.

BSU Christian Challenge
New Mexico State University
Study Series

Generosity
The Secret to True Freedom

1. What do you think generosity means?

2. Proverbs 11:24-25 says, “One man gives freely yet gains even more; another withholds unduly and comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper. He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”

Is this proverb always true? YES NO Why?

What is similar?

What is different?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 8:3-7. How is the grace of giving intended to fit with the other spiritual disciplines mentioned?

If you were to weigh the discipline of the grace of giving in your life as compared to other disciplines, where would it fall?
Higher  Lower  Same  Nonexistent

5. Read the following passages and identify some common traps that hinder generosity.
   - Deuteronomy 8:17-18:
   - Haggai 1:2-12:
   - Malachi 1:6-14:
   - Ecclesiastes 5:10:

6. Read I Timothy 6:18 and Hebrews 13:16. What should be our posture toward sharing?

7. Read 2 Corinthians 8:2. How should generosity be influenced by our level of wealth?

8. Read Hebrews 13:5. What are the two commands in this verse?
Why is this possible?

9. If you had a truly unlimited supply of cash, how do you think that would impact your attitude toward generosity?

If there was always more where that came from, would you tend to be more generous?

God’s promise is that He will never leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13:5). His resources are truly unlimited. How can this knowledge change your attitude toward the grace of giving?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:7-8. What an all encompassing promise! Check out all the “alls” and “everys.” What seems to be the condition for claiming this promise?

10. Can you think of anyone whose life was ruined because he was too generous?
How does generosity breed generosity?

“True happiness comes when we let God make us happy.” John Piper

11. Give one example of how generosity can influence the following areas of your life:
   - Money Management
   - Time Management
   - Possession Management
   - Conversation Management

12. Read Ephesians 4:28. According to this verse, what is the purpose of work?

13. Have you personally settled the issue of generosity before the Lord? YES NO See James 4:17

14. Have you established pre-determined giving goals for your church? YES NO
   For Missions? YES NO For friends in ministry? YES NO

Read 2 Corinthians 9:7. What is the principle here?

15. How would being generous be the secret to true freedom?

- Take time right now to give thanks to the Lord for His bountiful provision in your life. See Psalm 16:5-6. Mention specific things for which you are grateful.
• Ask the Lord to help you become as generous as He is. After all, if His resources are truly unlimited and He is the one who provides all you have, you can afford to be as generous as He is.

MEMORIZE 2 Corinthians 9:8