



spiritual adult

# DISCIPLE ME

**TRACK 4: MISSIONAL LIVING**

**GROWING IN GENEROSITY**

## **ICEBREAKER: IF YOU WON A MILLION DOLLARS** 💰

Imagine this - you wake up tomorrow and find out your life just took a wild turn. Maybe you crushed it on a game show, hit the lottery, or got one of those unexpected letters in the mail telling you a long-lost uncle left you a massive inheritance. However it happened, the money is yours - one million dollars - no strings attached.

- Don't overthink it. What's the *very first thing* you're buying? Be honest - skip the responsible answers for a second... what's your fun, impulsive purchase? 😊
- Now let's flip it: what's something you would *give away*? Who would you bless, and what would you do with it?

## **STUDY: WHEN GENEROSITY BECOMES MISSION**

In our main passage for today, the Apostle Paul is writing to the Corinthian church about giving to support believers in need, but what he's really getting at goes far beyond money. He's addressing something deeper. What he's talking about is the posture of our hearts, our trust in God, and our willingness to participate in what God is doing in the world.

As we grow into Spiritual Adults, we begin to see this more clearly. We start to recognize that what we have isn't just for us, that our lives are part of something bigger than our own story, and that generosity becomes one of the primary ways we influence others and reflect the heart of God.

### **Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-9**

- What stands out to you about the principle of sowing and reaping in this passage? How have you seen that play out in real life?
- Paul emphasizes giving "not reluctantly or under compulsion." What do you think reluctant giving looks like? What does cheerful giving look like?
- Where do you feel tension right now between holding on and living open-handed?

## Read 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

- What do these verses teach us about generosity?
- Why do you think the One who provides both “seed” and “bread” would choose to enrich those who are generous?

## Read 2 Corinthians 9:12-15

- According to these verses, what are the two main results of generosity?
- Verse 13 says generosity leads people to praise God - why do you think generosity has that kind of influence?

## ACTIVITY: OPEN HANDS

Read the parable of the Shrewd Manager, found in **Luke 16:1-13**.

In verse 10, Jesus says, “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much”. His teaching here is about what seems small - our time, our opportunities, our resources, even our daily decisions - reveals the kind of person we are becoming. Jesus indicates that the way we handle small responsibilities is what prepares us or disqualifies us for greater ones.

Using the table below, consider where you might be holding on tightly instead of living open-handed. Then write down one intentional way that you can use each of these areas to serve or bless others this week.

TIME	
RESOURCES	
RELATIONSHIPS	
INFLUENCE	

## CHALLENGE: LEVERAGE YOUR LIFE

This week, look at what’s already in your hands - your time, resources, relationships, and influence - and choose **one intentional way** to use it to serve or bless someone else. Don’t wait for more - start with what you have. Maybe it’s using your time to show up for someone who needs support, your resources to meet a need, your relationships to connect or encourage someone, or your influence to point someone toward Jesus.

The goal is simple: stop seeing what you have as something to hold onto, and start seeing it as something to leverage. At the end of the week, reflect: *How did this impact someone else, and what did it reveal about how I view what God has given me?* Share your experience with your group at your next gathering.