

New Creation Church

Small Group Guide

Week of Oct 18, 2026

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Key Takeaways

1. Generosity flows from knowing God. The more we know God, the more we recognize how outrageously generous He is. Our giving is a response to what He has already given us.
2. Five principles of generous living:
 - Give yourself to God
 - Give yourself to God's mission
 - Give willingly and cheerfully
 - Give out of what you have, not what you do not have
 - Give with intention and determination
3. Generosity is a matter of the heart. God is not primarily concerned with the amount given, but with the condition of the heart behind the giving. A heart yielded to God gives freely, without grudging obligation.
4. Compassion fuels generosity. Tender mercies -- a genuine inward compassion for others -- motivate us to support those who are weak without pride or scorekeeping.
5. Giving is an investment in what lasts. As 1 Timothy 6:18-19 describes, living generously lays a good foundation for the time to come. Where our treasure goes, our hearts follow.

Discussion Questions

1. The sermon opened with the idea that the more we know God, the more we recognize how outrageously generous He is. How has your growing knowledge of God shaped the way you think about giving?
2. The five principles of giving begin with giving yourself to God. Why do you think surrender to God is the starting point for a generous life? What happens when we try to be generous without that foundation?
3. 1 Timothy 6:17-19 warns against being high-minded or trusting in uncertain riches and calls believers to be rich in good works, ready to give, and willing to share. What does it look like to be "ready to give" as a posture of life, not just an occasional act?

Practical Applications

1. **Acknowledge God as the source.** Take a moment each morning this week to recognize that everything you have comes from God. Consider making this a brief prayer of thanksgiving before your day begins.
2. **Look for one opportunity to give.** It does not have to be financial. Give your time, make a meal, send a message of encouragement, or meet a practical need for someone in your life. Choose at least one person and follow through.
3. **Make an intentional financial commitment.** Prayerfully decide on a consistent, regular amount to give toward God's mission -- including your local church. Write it down and treat it as a settled decision, not a recurring debate.
4. **Reflect throughout the week.** Ask yourself this question each day: How is God inviting me to become more generous? Journal what you notice.

Prayer Focus

- Thank God for His outrageous generosity, especially the gift of His Son.
- Ask God to reveal any areas where your heart has been closed off to giving or to the needs of others.
- Pray for a willing, cheerful, and compassionate spirit in every area of generosity -- time, resources, and presence.
- Ask God to align your treasure with His kingdom so that your heart follows in the same direction.

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So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Cor 9:7