

7 Building Blocks #3 – Generosity

Ps1:1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mocker² but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. ³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

1. What does it mean to be generous?
2. Were you raised to be generous?
Does generosity come naturally to you or do you have to fight something in yourself to be generous?
Describe your relationship with generosity
3. Mike said that God wants to teach us to be generous so that He can pour more into us. From what you know, or from personal experience, what sort of generosity do you think God wants to pour out on you personally?
4. Read **John 6:1-14** – what are some things Jesus taught about generosity in this event? What speaks to you?

Building Block Lessons about being Generous

When we give, we honor God.

Read Deuteronomy 8:18, Proverbs 3:9, Matthew 6:21

Mike said, “When we give, we become more like Christ and develop His heart of generosity. Certain characteristics of our lives are only developed through generosity. So, if I withhold what God says to give, I will never be a fully whole person. God owns everything and He gives us everything we need.”

What does it look like to develop a generous heart in our every day lives?

What characteristics are only developed through generosity?

Why won't we be “fully whole” if we don't enter the “generous space.”

Discuss this statement: “Giving is a choice, not an emotional high. The tithe is putting God first.”

When we give, we bless others.

Read Acts 4:34

When you give to God, others are blessed in the church, such as, our children's ministry, our student's ministry, our marriage ministry, people find Jesus! What is the cost if we are not generous in this area?

When we give, we are blessed.

What possible endings could you add to the little boy's story who gave the lunch that became a buffet? What are some possible outcomes of his life?

Read Malachi 3:10

Of all the things...why do you think God says “test me in this.”

Do you think many people take Him up on this? Why or why not? Why don't we talk more about the generous provision of God and our own commitment to tithing and financial generosity?