



## IMITATING A GENEROUS GOD, PART 2

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### Sermon Notes

Text: 1 timothy 6:17-19

#### Intro:

Our understanding of generosity begins with our understanding of the generosity of God.

Humans are made in God's image. When we are not generous, we are living out of our brokenness, rather than our glory.

The church represents God on earth, and therefore, must be generous with the world.

Paul instructs Timothy on how to command generosity in Ephesus: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

#### 2015 Vital sign stats:

- 20% of Penticton tax payers claimed charitable donations on their tax return.
- Median donation in 2015 was \$320.

Evangelical Christians in Canada are the most generous group in the country. However, only 3% of their income goes to their church.

#### 1. A warning against arrogance

Deuteronomy 8:11-15, 17-18

God provides in one of two ways: Miracles in the desert, or produce in the Promised Land.

#### 2. A warning against depending on wealth

"Generosity is key in becoming like Christ" ~Rick Warren

1 Timothy 6:10

"Let us not be satisfied with just giving money. Money is not enough, money can be got, but they need your hearts to love them. So, spread your love everywhere you go" ~Mother Teresa

"No one ever became poor by giving" ~Anne Frank

Luke 12:15

#### Conclusion:

## Life Group Discussion

### Warm up:

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### Study & Discussion:

1. Consider the Bible as a whole. How does it show God's generosity toward humanity? What does this say about how we are to live as image bearers of God? As the body of Christ?
2. Read the sermon text (1 Timothy 6:17-19). What stood out to you about the sermon? Why does Paul tell Timothy to "command" these things, rather than merely "encourage" them?
3. Read Luke 12:13-21. This parable is about a man who, in his abundance, focussed on accumulation rather than generosity. What is Jesus saying about that type of living? What does it mean to be rich toward God (v. 21)?
4. Read Luke 12:22-34. Immediately following the parable of the rich fool, Jesus encourages his hearers to not worry about their life and wealth. Why? How does God provide for us? How are our hearts and treasure connected?

### Application:

1. What step of faith will you take in regard to generosity?

### Prayer:

1. Pray for a cheerful heart as you practice generosity.

2. Other Requests

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