



We Value

Part 2: Transformational Generosity

Texts: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; John 3:16

INTRODUCTION: WE VALUE

Value 2: Transformational Generosity: We believe that generosity has the power to transform lives. We are a community who values being generous with our time, talents, and finances.

There is an overwhelming need for generosity in the world.

Reasons we don't give: 1) Trust Issues, 2) Lifestyle

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

1. GENEROSITY TRANSFORMS OTHERS

The foundational element of generosity is sacrificial giving. Not giving to get, to feel good, or even because we were told to, but giving for the benefit of others.

Peoples lives can be turned around by even a single act of generosity.

2. GENEROSITY TRANSFORMS US

Generosity produces a harvest of provision & a harvest of righteousness.

“One of the main reasons that we trust God too little is that we trust our own wisdom too much. We think we know far better than God how our lives should go and what will make us happy.” - Timothy Keller

3. GENEROSITY TRANSFORMS INTO PRAISE

The ultimate goal of generosity is praise to God. Perhaps, this is also the greatest way that generosity transforms us. If the end goal of our generosity is to bring the attention to God, our provider, then it truly was never about us in the first place.

The Feedback loop of generosity:

Give -> praise & thanks to God -> prayers of blessing for the giver -> greater abundance for the giver resulting in more generosity -> repeat.

CONCLUSION: OUR GREAT EXAMPLE

The greatest act of generosity - John 3:16

Discussion Questions

WARM UP

1. When was a time that you benefited from someone else's generosity? What was it like?
2. Think back to a time when you were generous to someone, how did it feel?

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2. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. What stands out to you in this passage? What principles can we learn about generosity? What benefits?
3. Read 1 John 3:17 & Matthew 6:21. There is such a great need in the world for people to be generous. Why do you think it so hard to be generous? What holds us back from giving of ourselves to others?
4. What is the difference between occasional acts of generosity and generosity as a lifestyle "harvest of righteousness"? Is it possible to be too generous?

APPLICATION

5. How is God leading you to be more generous *this week*?

PRAYER

1. Thank God for how he has blessed you and ask him to produce a harvest of righteousness in you.
2. Other requests
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