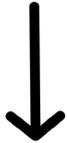


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Week Ten: *Kingdom Culture is Generous*

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURES



### Week Ten Key Verse

...it is more blessed to give than to receive.

**ACTS 20:35**

### Daily Verses

Day 1: Matthew 5:38-48

Day 2: 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Day 3: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

Day 4: Acts 20:32-35

Day 5: Acts 5:1-11

Day 6: Malachi 3:6-12

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*Generosity is a heart issue.*

**AND GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER**



### START TALKING

- Who is the most generous person you know and why would you describe them this way?
- In your head, what would it take for you to live as generously as you'd like to?



### START THINKING

Scripture tells us: For God so loved the world that he gave... (John 3:16, NIV) God has been so generous to us. He gives and then he calls us to follow his example and give to others. Generosity is counter-cultural and it's the culture of the kingdom of God.



### WATCH VIDEO



### START DIGGING

*Read Matthew 5:38-48, 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 2 Corinthians 9:1-15, Acts 5:1-11*

- What was your reaction to Jesus saying be generous to someone who is mean to you?
- In what ways does Jesus tell us to be generous to our enemies? What's your response?
- In 2 Corinthians 8:5 it says they gave themselves first to the Lord. How does giving yourself to God affect your generosity?
- Why should we excel in the act of giving?
- In 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Paul talks about God blessing those who are generous, but not in a "prosperity-gospel" way. How does God bless us when we are generous?
- In Acts 5:1-11 we read an alarming story. Why do you think Ananias and Sapphira were deceitful?



### START SHARING

- How do you feel about this discussion of generosity? Does living and giving generously come naturally to you?
- What do you think keeps people from being generous?
- What are your thoughts about tithing? Also, what are some common misconceptions people have about tithing?

## **START PRAYING**

Dear God, you loved us so much that you gave. You are always a giver. Thank you for being so generous to me and providing for my needs. Help me to trust you and be generous like you are. In Jesus name, Amen.

## **START DOING**

In Malachi 3:6-12 God tells us to test him regarding the practice of tithing, which is giving 10% of your income to God. The test is for us to be obedient and tithe and see if God blesses our obedience. If you aren't currently, try tithing for a 3-month period test and pay close attention to God's blessings during that time.

In 2 Corinthians 9:7 we read, God loves a cheerful giver. What are some things you can do to make sure you are giving cheerfully in your life?

## **NOTES**