



Part 2: How Generosity Is The Counterintuitive Key To Freedom

Big Idea

The practice of generosity fights greed in your heart and builds trust in God.

Key Scriptures

Matthew 6:21

1 Corinthians 16:1–3

Discussion Questions

- What's the most creative or memorable charity pitch you've ever been hit with (a door knocker, a check-out round-up, a friend's fundraiser) and what made it hard to say no?
- Have you ever donated to something on a whim and then later wondered why? What was the cause, and looking back, do you regret it or feel good about it?
- This week's message drew a distinction between giving and generosity the idea that nearly everyone gives, but not everyone is generous. Before we dig in, what do you think the difference is?
- The message described a 3S Giver: Spontaneous, Sporadic, and Sparing and a 3P Giver: Priority, Percentage, and Progressive. Honestly, which category would you put yourself in right now, and what do you think got you there?
- What stood out to you most from the message this week?

Read Matthew 6:21

- This verse says 'wherever your treasure is, there your heart will be also.' What do you notice about the direction Jesus describes treasure first, then heart? What does that order mean for how generosity actually works?

- If someone looked at your bank statements from the last three months, what would they conclude about what matters most to you? Does that match how you'd describe your own values?

Read 1 Corinthians 16:1–3

- Paul tells the church to set money aside 'on the first day of every week, in keeping with your income' no specific amount, no pressure when he arrives. What surprises you about this approach, and why do you think Paul leaves the percentage open?
- Paul emphasises a plan setting it aside in advance so 'no collections will have to be made.' Why do you think having a plan changes the experience of giving, both emotionally and practically?
- The message framed generosity as something you give 'from a grateful and broken heart' asking two questions: what are you grateful for, and what breaks your heart? What comes up for you when you sit with those two questions?
- The message said: 'Saving is how you say yes to you. Generosity is how you say yes to what's important to you.' Is there a cause, organisation, or community you feel deeply connected to but haven't backed financially? What's held you back?
- The Generosity Steps were laid out as: First Time, Occasional, Percentage, and Extravagant. What would it look like for you to take one step forward from wherever you're at right now and what's the biggest obstacle to doing that?
- The message ended with the challenge: 'If you believe there's an eternity, start treating your money like you really believe it.' That's a confronting idea. What does it stir up in you conviction, curiosity, resistance, or something else?
- For someone exploring faith for the first time, the idea of giving money to a church can feel like the last thing you'd want to do. What would you say to someone who's interested in Jesus but deeply sceptical about churches and money?

Challenge Question (For Takeaway):

This week, take one concrete step on your generosity journey using the 3P framework:

1. Priority: Decide now that generosity will have a line in your budget, not just your good intentions. Write it down.
2. Percentage: Pick a percentage of your income you'll give away. If you're starting out, choose a number that makes you slightly uncomfortable — not because you can't eat, but because it means something.
3. Plan: Identify where that generosity is going: a local church, a cause you're grateful for, an organisation that breaks your heart. Lock it in.

Then consider signing up for the 90 Day Generosity Challenge at <https://mailchi.mp/beyondchurch/fyss-90-day-challenge> and trial this for 90 days.

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👉 <https://beyondchurch.com.au/give>