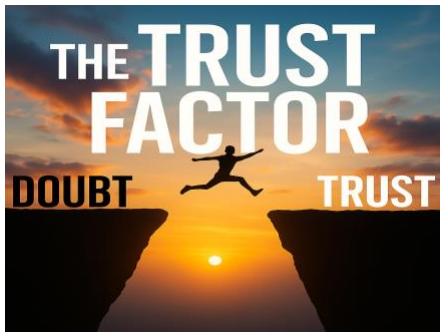




The Trust Factor

Part 3: Joy in the Generosity Journey

November 23, 2025

Key Scriptures

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." Luke 12:15 NIV

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?" Luke 9:23-25 NIV

Each one must do just as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7 NASB

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." 2 Corinthians 9:8-9 NIV

Additional Key Scriptures

2 Corinthians 9:6 NIV

Proverbs 3:9-10 NIV

2 Corinthians 9:10 NIV

Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's the longest trip or vacation you've ever taken?

Start Thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Read **Luke 9:23-25**. What do you think it means to save your life by losing it? And how does this verse relate to becoming generous?
- Think about a moment in your life when you chose to be generous. What was it like? How did it feel?

Start Sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- There are three ways we can relate to money—"It's all from me and for me," "the first belongs to God," and "I'm a living sacrifice." Where do you see yourself in that journey?
- The three ways of relating to money aren't three steps, they're made up of thousands of little steps. What's a next step you can take toward becoming a living sacrifice?

Start Praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

Dear God, You've given so much to me. Help me to be a cheerful giver like You. Please help me to notice opportunities to use what I have to make a difference around me, and increase my trust in Your provision. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start Doing. Commit to a step, and live it out this week.

- Take one next step toward becoming a living sacrifice this week.
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.