



RESTORING LOST VALUES

WEEK 4: GENEROSITY — THE WAY OUT OF INDIFFERENCE Talk-it-Over-Notes | July 19-20, 2025

REVIEW IT

This week we look at what Jesus taught about generosity. If I am a Christian, following Jesus, I don't need to understand what I think is generous. I need to understand what Jesus thinks is generous. So, let's look at five things Jesus taught about Generosity. Three in the gospels, one in the book of Acts, and one in the book of Revelation. Jesus taught that 1) Generosity is about the heart and not the amount. 2) Generosity does not justify ignoring what's most important. 3) Generosity is believing that giving is better than receiving. 4) Generosity does not crave attention. 5) Generosity helps to keep me spiritually sharp.

"Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." Luke 6:38 NLT

Spend some time in Scripture: Read Luke 21:1-4

TALK IT OVER

1. Think back to your upbringing; in what way did your family talk about or model the use of money to you? Share an experience that sticks out to you.
2. Read Acts 20:35 (NLT). Our culture is hyper-focused on what we can get. Jesus goes the other way and focuses on what we can give. How have you personally experienced "giving" being better than "getting?"
3. Jesus affirms tithing and at the same time says we can miss even more important issues. How have you experienced being a giver and not having a generous heart?
4. Our financial comfort (materialism) may be our greatest enemy to Christ. In what ways can the blessings of God keep us from trusting God and being generous?
5. What else stood out to you about the five things Jesus taught about generosity.

ACT ON IT

What is one way you can put into practice this message? What will you do to combat the lust of the eyes and become more generous?

PRAY ABOUT IT

Finish by asking how you can pray for one another. And then close in prayer.

Take a moment to look at Luke 21:1-4 again. Take some time and reflect on Jesus watching this offering. Place yourself in the story. What would Jesus say about the posture of your heart when you give?