

Redefining Generosity

This Is What We Do - Part 1

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What Many in the World Believe About Money	This Is What We Do as Generous Disciples of Jesus
I own my resources	I steward God's resources (Matt 25:21)
Money = success	Kingdom impact = success (John 15:8)
Money = power	Money = tool for God's Kingdom (1 Tim 6:18-19)
Selfish accumulation	Selfless generosity (2 Cor 9:6-12)
Security through wealth	Security in God (1 Tim 6:17)
Short-term focus with money	Eternal perspective with money (Matt 6:19-21)
Generosity is a low priority	Generosity is a first priority (Prov 3:9-10)

Important Reminders:

- If you're a guest, we've already given for you.
- I will continue to lead the way.
- You don't have to give here.
- Have questions? Ask away!
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Our favorite giving principles in Scripture:

- God gave first
- Heart, not money
- Get to, not have to
- Abundance, not scarcity
- It's a journey

God gave first

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NLT)

Our giving is rooted in the Gospel!

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!" 1 Chronicles 29:14 (NLT)

Heart, not money

*“¹⁷Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and **not to trust in their money**, which is so unreliable. **Their trust should be in God**, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be **rich in good works and generous to those in need**, always being ready to share with others. ¹⁹By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.” 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)*

*“¹⁹Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹Wherever your treasure is, **there the desires of your heart will also be.**” Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT)*

It’s a journey

- **Give something**
- **Give consistently**
- **Grow in your giving**

Give something

“Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don’t have.” 2 Corinthians 8:12 (NLT)

Giving by the numbers:

- **22% of adults at The Bayou Church give**

We want to invite everyone in Acadiana to Know God, Find Community, and Make a Difference!

Ministry moves at the speed of your generosity!

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