



Your Generous Life Week 1

Announcements

401 Small Group Training – Get equipped to help people grow in their relationship with Jesus as you fulfill the Great Commission to “*go and make disciples.*” October 26th at 5:00 pm at the Little Creek Campus. For more information email smallgroups@churchoftheking.com.

101 Starting Point – Sunday, November 2nd at 5:00 at all campuses. Whether you’re new or have been coming for a while, this is your place to meet some of our pastors, learn who we are and what we believe. A casual dinner will be provided!

201 Dream Team Orientation – Sunday November 9th at 5:00 pm at all campuses. 201 Dream Team Orientation is the second step in Pathway and your place to learn more about how you are wired and where you can serve at Church of the King.

Warm-up

Describe a time when you gave generously to someone else. How did that act of giving make you feel and what did you learn from the experience?

Word and Application

God instituted the possibility for living a blessed life for each of us that have received Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We may ask ourselves, “*Then why don’t I feel like I live a blessed life?*” Perhaps we have to learn to receive the blessings of God by faith, and by obeying the Scriptures.

Read 3 John 1:2. What does God desire for each of His children? What is one area of your life that you are praying will “prosper” in the future?

One of the keys to the blessed life is a heart of generosity. Studies show that generous people are generally happier, healthier, and more fulfilled than those who are not generous.

Read Acts 20:35 & Proverbs 22:9. Knowing that it is more blessed to give than to receive, why are not more people more generous; or another way of saying it, more blessed?

There are basically three different mindsets people can have towards giving.

Read Haggai 1:5-6. What are some of the reasons that keep people from giving generously? What could be done to overcome these excuses?

This verse illustrates the “bag” mindset people have towards giving – feeling like they never have enough.

Read Deuteronomy 28:3-14. Describe what generosity looks like in your life. What are some specific things that you currently have more than enough of? Think of intangible things like time or space too.

Where can you see yourself meeting someone else’s need with what God has abundantly given to you?

This verse illustrates the “basket” mindset -- knowing that there is more than enough with God.

Read Proverbs 3:9-10 and Luke 16:10-13. What are some specific areas in your life that you feel God is calling you to be more faithful with His generosity than you have before?

What are some specific ways God has been faithful and blessed your life? What are some changes you are willing to make to be more blessed?

These verses illustrate the “barn” mindset -- being faithful with the unlimited blessings God has given us.

How can you begin living a more generous life this week? How will your generosity to others impact your relationship with God?

Prayer

Thank God for all the blessings He has given you throughout your life by spending time praising Him. Pray that God will stir within you a heart of a cheerful giver and increase your generosity. Close by praying for someone in need and how you might help them this week.