

Middle School Discussion Guide

Generous Generation: For the week of February 27 - March 5, 2022

Main Thought & Scriptures:

Giving money or gifts are common ways people practice generosity, but those aren't the only methods. Stewardship (definition: the job of supervising or taking care of something) of money is one way to honor God and bless others. How we spend our money can say a lot about us as a person. Now think about different ways of "spending." For example, our time. Time consists of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, and so on. If we can spend our time in a healthy way, we will express a generosity that honors God and blesses others. Therefore, Christ-like generosity is the giving away of what we have with an understanding that what we have was given to us by God, to bless others.

- Talk as a group and share different ways we can be generous.
- Share a time that someone was generous to you.

God gives us an opportunity to practice being generous to Him.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. "I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says the Lord Almighty. ¹²"Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the Lord Almighty." (Malachi 3:10-12 NIV)

- What stood out to you in the scripture? Share why.

The bible says that where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. If we treasure our relationship with God, we will treasure what is important to Him. Generosity is important to God.

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- What is an area of your life that you can be more generous in? (money, gifts, time, etc.)
- What are some ways you will practice generosity with someone this week?

Prayer:

- Pray that each member in your group will choose to be generous with what we have.
- Pray for the person you will practice your generosity with, that they can come to faith in God.