INTRODUCTION

We begin 2019 with a study of missional generosity. Often, the word “generosity” strikes us as giving up something. When we find ourselves being told to be generous, it most often makes us cringe because it will mean parting with something we value. But we all know that’s the wrong way to look at it! We’ve just finished a Christmas season that focused on God’s great generosity to us in sending Jesus, and were reminded in a powerful way that generosity is better understood not as losing something, but as accomplishing something! That’s what missional generosity is ... using what we’ve been given to accomplish something great for the Kingdom of God.

Remembering the Generosity of Our God: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

• His Love: Romans 8:28-39

• His Life: John 10:10

• His Spirit: John 3:34

Reflecting the Generosity of Our God:

• My Love: John 13:34, 15:12,17

• My Life: 2 Corinthians 5:14,15

• My Submission to the Spirit: Galatians 5:16

Missional Generosity ... Using God’s Gifts to Adorn God’s Gospel: Titus 2:9,10

“As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.” 1Timothy 6:17
MONDAY  |  1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19;  EPHESIANS 1:3-14

It would be easy to read the passage in 1 Timothy and say to yourself, “I am not rich, so this verse must not apply to me.” And though, in the context of 1 Timothy, Paul is referring to monetary wealth -- how would the passage in Ephesians 1 redefine our perspective on how “rich” we truly are as Christ-followers? Where does the passage in Timothy tell us to store our treasure? How do you make a practice of storing treasure in heaven? How do you practice generosity in your own life?

TUESDAY  |  ROMANS 8:28-39

Our ultimate goal in following Jesus is becoming like Him. How would you assess areas in your life where becoming like Jesus is clearly evident? What are some areas that are lacking? How should this passage in Romans invigorate our hearts to live more like Jesus calls us to live? How does this passage speak to the great example of generosity God displays towards us? How should that fuel your generosity towards others?

WEDNESDAY  |  JOHN 13:34, 15:12-17

What are some areas in your life where you need to be more generous? What are some “road blocks” in your life that hinder generosity? How could you remove those road blocks in order to open up opportunities to become more generous? Have you ever experienced generosity in a close relationship? Is there someone in your life that would be encouraged if you took a step of generosity towards them? How are generosity and sacrifice related?

THURSDAY  |  2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15,  GALATIANS 5:16

Generosity often comes with some sort of sacrifice on our part. Jesus has made the biggest sacrifice of all on the cross. How do you follow His example by living a life of sacrifice? What would it look like for you to live a more sacrificial life? Maybe you are already sacrificing a lot, how could you help someone else grow in their perspective of sacrifice/generosity?

FRIDAY  |  PRAY

Take some time to reflect on the many ways God has been generous towards you. Thank Him for His generosity! Ask the Lord to soften your heart in any areas you might be “selfish” for your time in a way that doesn’t honor the Lord. Pray for tangible opportunities to be generous with your resources.

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