





COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: Generosity leads to both personal blessing and spiritual formation.

HEAD CHANGE: Our beliefs about money form "mental maps" that shape our decisions and character.

HEART CHANGE: Generosity is proactive, not reactive, and should be prioritized in budgeting.

LIFE CHANGE: The local church can be a powerful force for good through collective generosity.

OVERVIEW

In this powerful message, we explore the transformative power of generosity through the lens of Matthew 6. Jesus teaches us to store up treasures in heaven rather than on earth, reminding us that where our treasure is, there our heart will be also. This isn't about a future reward, but about investing in God's kingdom work here and now. We're challenged to examine our own 'mental maps' and the stories we believe about money and possessions. Are we conforming to the world's pattern of worry and materialism, or are we being transformed by the renewal of our minds? The message invites us to develop a 'healthy eye' - one that sees the world through God's generous perspective, recognizing opportunities to meet needs and further His kingdom. As we align our hearts with God's through generous giving, we find freedom from worry and experience the truth that it is indeed more blessed to give than to receive.

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Romans 12:2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How might our understanding of God as 'happy and generous' change our approach to generosity and giving?
2. In what ways can money be a tool for spiritual formation rather than just a material resource?
3. How might our spending habits and financial priorities reveal the true state of our hearts, as Jesus suggests?
4. How can we cultivate a mindset of sacrificial giving, regardless of our financial situation?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Lord, thank you for speaking to our hearts. We ask that you help us to surrender our finances to you. We desire to see your kingdom grow, to see people come to know you and we know that living open handed with what you've given us helps bring that to pass. Help us to align our thinking with yours. In your name, Amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!