



Generosity Expanded

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out the most to you in this video?

2. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9:7 - *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* (NIV) This verse reflects God's heart for us to be generous and to have joy when doing so. Why do many people struggle with being generous? If you find yourself struggling, what do you struggle with the most and why?

3. Many people struggle with how much or a percentage to give. This can often lead to giving out of obligation and without joy. Discuss what it takes to become a cheerful giver.

4. Barry described some benefits of being generous and how it makes him feel. What did he say about how generosity can affect a company and its employees? What are some additional benefits you can think of?

5. Proverbs 11:25 says, *"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."* (NIV) How does generosity affect your relationships with clients, employees, stakeholders, and the business community as a whole? Galatians 6:10 says, *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."* (NIV) How can we discern God's leading in identifying who we help locally or globally?

6. The majority of generous business owners give personally, but not many consider giving at the company level. What are the benefits or drawbacks of both sides?

Application

7. If you are a generous business leader, what steps can you take to become more generous as a business leader or small business owner? If you are not usually generous, what step should you take to start trusting God in this area of your life?

Going Deeper

This section is an extension of the above material and is designed for a deeper study/devotion on your own. Read the scripture below and take time to journal and put this content into practice to help shape your culture at work.

8. What is the biblical foundation for generosity, and how does it align with God's character? Read Luke 6:38, *"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."* (NIV) In what ways can we trust in God's promise of abundance as we practice generosity in our business endeavors?

9. How does generosity align with the Christian principle of stewardship and responsibility over resources? Read 1 Peter 4:10. *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* (NIV) In what ways does practicing generosity demonstrate faithful stewardship over the resources entrusted to us by God?

10. How can generosity in business be a means of fulfilling the commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves? Galatians 5:14 - *"For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"* (NIV) How can we demonstrate love and care for others through generosity in our business practices?
