

MONEY MOVE\$

Part 3: How to Be Generous

WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021

Generous people don't just hope they'll be generous; they have a plan to be generous

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- It's not a money problem; it's a management problem.
 - We manage our money with the assumption that it's all for our consumption.
 - How do you become generous?
 - When you don't have a money plan, you: Consume it. Save if you can. Give what's left over.
 - 1) Generous people have a plan for their giving.
 - 2) Generous people give a percentage.
 - 3) Generous people make giving a priority.
 - But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. | Matthew 6:33
 - On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. | 1 Corinthians 16:2
 - 4) A generous person's giving is progressive. (meaning we should become more generous over time)
 - Flip the script: Give first. Save second. Live on the rest.
 - Automation beats determination every time.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what ways have you used your money recently that felt fulfilling, purposeful, and life-giving? In what ways have you used your money that you wish you could have back?
2. Complete the thought in one of the following sentences:
The purpose of my money is for _____.
OR
God has given me what I have in order to _____.
3. If you were to do an assessment of your spending, how much do you feel that it reflects your purpose and your most important goals and priorities?
4. Do you feel that you're becoming more generous as time passes, less generous, or have you "plateau-ed" in your generosity? Why or how has that happened?
5. What do you think is the biggest upgrade or improvement you can make to your "plan" to become more and more generous?
(Is it to start a plan, period? Is it to make generosity a priority in your budget? Is it to automate the process?)