

WHOLE life FULL heart



JOIN US ON A FOUR-WEEK WESLEYAN STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY
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Relocating and Repositioning your LIFE with a full HEART:

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This four-week series guides us on a practical and biblical journey from receiving God's grace to living generously in every area of life. We are called to stop, discern, relocate, reposition and anchor

ourselves in God as we continue the journey. The Church is like a ship at sea, carrying the precious cargo of the Gospel while navigating powerful winds, changing currents and storms. The answer is not to abandon the ship, but to keep her on course.

Rooted in the conviction that God owns and provides all things, the sessions explore how disciples respond with love, sacrifice and joy; how churches nurture generosity through fellowship, compassion and mission; and how leaders model, teach and sustain a culture of faithful stewardship.

Theme	Core Principles
Week 1: God Is Generous	1. God owns everything 2. God provides enough 3. God gave Jesus
Week 2: Disciples Become Generous	4. Disciples respond lovingly 5. Disciples live sacrificially 6. Disciples find joy
Week 3: Churches Grow Generosity	7. Giving builds family 8. Giving loves neighbors 9. Giving reaches the lost
Week 4: Leaders Shape Generosity	10. Leaders go first 11. Leaders teach generosity 12. Leaders celebrate sustainability

Through Scripture, reflection, discussion and practical activities, participants will be encouraged to recognize every gift and resource as entrusted by God and to use them responsibly in service of the Church, their neighbors and God's mission.

The series is structured around **12 Biblical Generosity Core Principles**, grouped into four thematic clusters reflecting the nature of generosity in discipleship and leadership.

As we begin this journey, may we open our whole lives and full hearts to God's renewing work. May this series help us realign our priorities, strengthen our discipleship and grow together as a generous people who reflect God's grace in practical, joyful and faithful ways.

HOME GROUPS AND CLASSES GUIDE:

1. Open in Worship and Prayer: this is to invite God into the meeting. For example, you can light a candle, sing together, or use a YouTube Hymn or song.
2. Open your Bibles and read the Bible verses for this week (take turns?) see below.
3. Reflect on the Bible verses and the reflection written by a Minister or Lay Preacher.
4. Connect with each other and take the reflection deeper by answering the Questions.
5. Works out: Practical Activity. Keep each other accountable for promises made or important steps taken. Pray for and over each other (after taking prayer requests).

Week 2: Disciples Become Generous

Week 2 Summary: This week explores generosity as the fruit of discipleship. Its objective is to equip us to respond to Christ with loving, joyful and sacrificial action, giving ourselves and our resources freely rather than from guilt or obligation.

WORSHIP SONG

- **“I surrender All”** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSPcuV5Sli8> is a classic hymn that captures the heart of both Zacchaeus and the Macedonian believers: “All to Jesus I surrender”.
- **“Lord, I Offer My Life to You”** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TwNTHThR-Fw> This song focuses on presenting our lives, talents, and resources as an act of worship.

KEY SCRIPTURE & STORIES: Luke 19:1-9 (Zacchaeus), Luke 18:18-30 (Rich Young Ruler), 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

REFLECTION ON THE BIBLE VERSES: Rev Zamani Sikupela

These passages, when read together, present a powerful discipleship principle: true disciples become generous because they have first surrendered themselves to God. These passages reveal that generosity is not primarily about money, but about discipleship. A true disciple undergoes a transformation of heart that changes his relationship with possessions, wealth and stewardship. In Luke 18:18-30, the rich ruler desired eternal life but was unwilling to release his grip on his wealth. Although outwardly moral and religious, his possessions occupied a greater place in his heart than Christ. His sorrowful departure demonstrates that discipleship requires total surrender, and where attachment to material things remains supreme, the call of Christ cannot be fully embraced.

In contrast, Luke 19:1-9 presents Zacchaeus, a man whose encounter with Jesus led to genuine repentance and visible transformation. Unlike the rich ruler, Zacchaeus willingly released what once controlled him. His decision to give half of his possessions to the poor and restore fourfold what he had wrongly taken was not an attempt to earn salvation. Rather, it was evidence that salvation had already reached his house. His generosity flowed from a heart transformed by grace. What the rich ruler could not surrender, Zacchaeus joyfully released because Christ had become his greatest treasure.

Paul highlights the same principle in 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 through the example of the Macedonian believers. Despite severe trials and deep poverty, they displayed extraordinary generosity. Their giving was not motivated by abundance but by devotion to God. The foundation of their generosity is revealed in the statement that they first gave themselves to the Lord. Having surrendered their hearts to Christ, they were able to give sacrificially, joyfully and willingly, even beyond their apparent ability.

Together, these passages teach that generosity is the natural fruit of discipleship. The rich ruler shows the danger of a heart attached to wealth, Zacchaeus demonstrates the transformation that produces generosity, and the Macedonian churches illustrate how surrendered believers give beyond circumstances and limitations. True disciples become generous because they first give themselves to the Lord. When Christ possesses the heart, possessions no longer possess the disciple. Generosity then becomes a visible expression of a life transformed by the grace of God.

A disciple's generosity is not measured by how much they give, but by how fully they have surrendered their heart to Christ. When we give ourselves first to the Lord, generosity becomes the joyful evidence of a transformed life. When Christ has our hearts, generosity becomes not an obligation, but a joyful expression of discipleship.

SMALL-GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What does this teach us about the relationship between discipleship and generosity?
2. How does surrendering ourselves to God shape the way we view and use our resources?
3. Are there possessions, ambitions, comforts, or securities that compete with Christ for first place in your life? How is God challenging you through these passages?
4. What practical step can you take this week to demonstrate Christ-centered generosity in your family, church, workplace, or community?

WEEKLY PRACTICAL ACTIVITY: OPEN HANDS CHALLENGE

Purpose: Practice loving, sacrificial and joyful generosity as a response to Christ.

1. Identify one possession, comfort, amount of money or portion of time that you tend to hold tightly.
2. Ask God how it could be surrendered or shared responsibly to bless someone this week.
3. Carry out the act quietly, without seeking recognition, and pay attention to whether you experience fear, resistance, freedom or joy.
4. Record a short reflection on how this act helped you follow Jesus more wholeheartedly, then share only what is appropriate with the group.

DAILY DEVOTIONS: WEEK 2

MONDAY — Memory Verse: *“Today salvation has come to this house.” — Luke 19:9*

Prayer: Lord Jesus, let Your saving grace transform my heart as it transformed Zacchaeus, and reshape the way I use what I possess.

TUESDAY — Memory Verse: *“Sell everything you have and give to the poor... Then come, follow me.” — Luke 18:22*

Prayer: Search me, Lord, and reveal anything I value more than following You. Give me courage to surrender what holds my heart.

WEDNESDAY — Memory Verse: *“They gave themselves first of all to the Lord.” — 2 Corinthians 8:5*

Prayer: Father, teach me to offer myself to You before I offer anything else. Let my generosity flow from wholehearted devotion.

THURSDAY — Memory Verse: *“He stood up and said to the Lord, ‘Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor.’” — Luke 19:8*

Prayer: Jesus, let my response to Your grace be practical and loving. Show me whose need I can meet with what You have entrusted to me.

FRIDAY — Memory Verse: *“Out of their extreme poverty welled up rich generosity.” — 2 Corinthians 8:2*

Prayer: Lord, give me wisdom to be sacrificial and responsible. Teach me that generosity can flourish even when my resources feel limited.

SATURDAY — Memory Verse: *“Their overflowing joy... welled up in rich generosity.” — 2 Corinthians 8:2*

Prayer: Restore the joy of giving in me. Keep my heart free from guilt, comparison and the desire for recognition.

SUNDAY — Memory Verse: *“No one who has left home... for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much.” — Luke 18:29–30*

Prayer: Lord, help me trust that nothing surrendered for Your kingdom is wasted. Use my open hands and willing heart to bless others. Amen.

FAMILY DEVOTION:

Week 2: Generosity as the Fruit of Discipleship

Bible Reading: Luke 19:1–9 — Zacchaeus

Worship Song - “Give Me Oil in My Lamp”

Have you ever really wanted something? Maybe a new toy, a game, a special treat or something you saw in a shop. Sometimes our hearts say: **“I want it! I want it! I want it!”**. But following Jesus teaches us something different. Jesus teaches us that life isn't just about **what we can get**, it is also about **what we can give**.

Let's think about Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus had lots of money, but he wasn't using it in the right way. When he met Jesus, something changed inside his heart. He didn't just say, **“I believe in Jesus.”** He showed it through what he did. He decided to give back to people he had hurt and to give generously to those in need. His encounter with Jesus changed the way he thought about his **money, possessions and relationships**. That is what generosity is really about. **Generosity starts in our hearts before it ever reaches our hands.**

We don't give because someone makes us feel guilty. We don't give because we have to. We give because **God has already given so much to us**, and His love changes the way we live.

What About the Rich Young Ruler?

In Luke 18, Jesus meets a rich young ruler who asks what he must do to follow Him. Jesus challenges him to let go of his possessions and follow Him. This story isn't simply saying that having money is bad. Instead, Jesus is asking: **"What is most important in your heart?"**

Sometimes we can hold onto things so tightly that they become more important to us than God. So this week we can ask ourselves: **"What am I holding onto that God might be asking me to share?"** It might be money.

But it could also be:

- My time
- My toys
- My talents
- My attention
- My forgiveness
- My friendship
- My help

Family Question

Ask everyone: **"What is one thing you could give this week that wouldn't cost you any money?"**

Let the children come up with ideas.

For example:

- Help someone without being asked.
- Share a toy.
- Spend time with someone who is lonely.
- Give someone encouragement.
- Help with a job at home.
- Forgive someone.
- Use a talent to help someone else.

Then ask: **"How do you think that might make the other person feel?"**

This Week's Challenge

Choose **one act of generosity** to do together as a family this week. It doesn't have to be big. You could bake something for a neighbour, help someone, give something away, encourage someone who is struggling or simply spend time with someone who needs a friend. And when you do it, don't do it because you must. Do it because **Jesus has loved you first**.

Big Thought

Because Jesus has given so much to me, I can give generously to others. Generosity isn't just something we do. **Generosity is something God grows in our hearts.**

Family Prayer

Dear Jesus, Thank You for loving us and for giving Yourself for us. Thank You for everything You have given us. Help us not to hold tightly onto the things we have, but to notice the people around us who need love, kindness and help. Teach us to give with happy hearts, not because we have to, but because we want to. Help us to share our time, our talents, our possessions and our love. Make our hearts more like Yours. **Amen.**