



As followers of Jesus we should be known for our over the top generosity, not just as an act of giving but as a way of life. Generosity is not limited to monetary donations but expands to many other aspects of life. One of the things we can be generous with is our time.

PART 1: SHARING OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSET

BIG IDEA

Be generous with your time.

SCRIPTURES

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Ephesians 5:15-16

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you define generosity?
2. What do you think about the idea that generosity is more expansive than just money?
3. How does our culture's mindset of valuing money and possessions potentially skew our understanding of generosity? Discuss your thoughts. (Refer: 1 Timothy 6:10)
4. What does this bigger definition of generosity say about who God is?
5. How does being generous with your time change or challenge how you follow Jesus?
6. What keeps you from being generous with your time? What would it look like to change that?
7. Who is someone that you know that is generous with their time? What is one thing they do that you could start doing?
8. Read Ephesians 5:15–17. Paul encourages the Ephesians to make the most of their time. What is one step you will take toward being generous with your time this week?



DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Day 1:

Bible Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Devotional: Reflect on Paul's gratitude and praise for the Thessalonians, recognizing their work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in the Lord. Paul's gratitude lays the foundation for his encouragement to them. Consider how your gratitude can be a source of encouragement to others around you.

Day 2:

Bible Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Devotional: In today's passage, Paul talks about the authenticity and selflessness of his mission. He emphasizes that his message wasn't from error or with an intent to deceive, but to share the gospel of God. Reflect on the ways you can be authentic in your faith and consider how you can share the love of God selflessly with others.

Day 3:

Bible Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-16

Devotional: Today, we see Paul highlighting his labor of love among the Thessalonians, giving his time and resources to share the Gospel with them. Reflect on how you can show your love for God and others by giving generously of your time and resources. How can you be more intentional about using your time for God's glory?

Day 4:

Bible Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Devotional: Paul urges us to live wisely, making the most of our time because the days are evil. Today, reflect on how you use your time. Are there areas where you could be more intentional, more generous with your time? Ask God for wisdom to guide you in using your time to serve Him and others better.

Day 5:

Bible Reading: Acts 20:32-35

Devotional: In this passage, Paul encourages the Ephesian elders to remember the words of Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Reflect on how you can adopt a lifestyle of generosity. Pray for a spirit of generosity to permeate every aspect of your life, from your time, your resources, and your service to others.