

# LIVING GENEROUSLY

## SELF STUDY QUESTIONS

Am I living in the level of generosity that God has asked me to?

How can I raise my awareness for people that are in need of my generosity?

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What resources can we share as a group to practice generosity?

What can we believe God for in order to be more generous?

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## MAIN NOTES

### Generosity Is Not Natural To Humans

Generosity is a learned behavior and mindset. “Mine” is one of the first words we learn as children.

God is the greatest example of generosity. His generosity comes from His loving nature.

“For God so loved the world that He gave...” John 3:16

### Sowing and Reaping

Giving can be compared to farming. We will receive the kind of seed that we plant, good and bad.

If we bless, we may not be repaid by the person in front of us, but God will repay us.

### More Than Money

We can live generously through more than just money.

God’s plan is to bless people and He does so with more than just money. He calls us to do the same.

We can invest time in someone, help with a skilled project, share gifts and things that we have been blessed with, and speak kindly to lift spirits and bless someone generously in all of these tangible ways and more.

### Not A One-Time Thing

Generosity is a lifestyle. Be on the lookout for how you can bless someone practically.

“The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will himself be watered.” Proverbs 11:25

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

### **Trusting God**

When God points out something that we can do to bless someone, we need to trust Him and do it.

“If we give to the poor, we lend to the Lord and He will repay.” Proverbs 19:7

We can trust God’s promises about giving. He does not lie and He will repay us.

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### **DAILY LIVING**

Joining our faith with God’s generous nature and our ability to give will have us giving supernaturally more than we could ever expect to be able to give without God. He would not call us to do something that we are incapable of doing and He will empower us to be able to do what He is asking. We can also be certain that He will use what is given to bless everyone involved. When we give of ourselves through God, it blesses us in return, and trusting God to provide will never leave us lacking. Truly realizing these principles will change our daily perspective on generosity, giving us His heart, and perpetuating this generous lifestyle around the world.

### **PERSONAL NOTES**

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### **PRAYER POINT**

Take a moment to go through the Self Study and Group Discussion questions again. Ask God to point out a key truth that He wants you to focus on. Thank God for increasing your desire and ability to live the generous lifestyle He has called you to.