



Part Four: How Generosity Changes the Way You See the World // Jeff Brodie // June 27, 2021

When you look at scripture and the world around you, do you see God as a God of abundance or a God of scarcity? How you see the world impacts your generosity. Jesus teaches on money throughout the four Gospels because he knows it is a major competitor for your heart. Money is what we use to obtain what we possess in our lives. What if generosity with your funds is vital to your contentment? What if the ancient practice of tithing could be a key to happiness in your life?

Scripture: [Luke 11:34-42 NLT](#); [Malachi 3:6-10 NLT](#)

Bottom Line: Tithing tests your trust and grows your gratitude.

Getting Started:

1. Why do you think many people struggle to talk about money outside of their home or in church? Why do you think Jesus talks about it so much?
2. Who is someone in your life that models generosity? How do they do that?

Jumping In:

3. Jesus once said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." That word "blessed" can actually be translated as "happy." Research also shows that consistent generosity makes us happier. Why do you think generosity brings contentment? Have you experienced this?
4. Has there been a time when you stepped out in generosity and God showed up in your life in some way? Share it with the group.

Discuss:

5. Read [Luke 11:34-36](#). Jesus talks here about our view of God and the world--a mentality of abundance vs. scarcity (healthy vs. unhealthy eyes).
 - a. How do you think each of these ways of seeing the world impacts how people live?
 - b. How do you see the world around you?

6. Read [Luke 11:37-42](#). Jesus really calls out the Pharisees in this section. They were following the religious rituals but missing God's heart in it all.
 - a. How might you have done that in your own life?
 - b. Where in the practice of your faith have you lost perspective on the actual purpose behind it?
7. Jeff shared that a commitment to tithing tests your trust and grows your gratitude.
 - a. Have you ever tried tithing before?
 - b. If so, have you experienced the test of trust or the growth in gratitude that Jeff talked about? Explain.
 - c. If not, share why.
8. If Jesus was in your circle right now and asked you to summarize his goal behind commanding you to be generous, how would you explain it? What makes this challenging?
9. Read [Malachi 3:6-10](#). What excites you about God's challenge to test him in the area of tithing? What makes you nervous?

Moving Forward:

Jeff shared four practical ways to practice Jesus-like generosity. Review them below and take time to map out how you might begin to put even one of these practices into place in your life:

1. Give the first 10% of your income off the top.
2. Create a fund for day-to-day generosity.
3. Practice graduated tithing. (When your income grows, choose to increase your standard of giving, rather than your standard of living.)
4. Listen for opportunities to give radical gifts.

As you look beyond this series, what's the biggest change you can make today to invest in the kingdom of God for eternity?