Generous

Leader Conversation Guide - Generous (Part III): The Order Matters

Main Idea

This week Pastor Curt continued to unpack what it means to live a Generous life, part two of The Order Matters. He reminded us that God does not need our money; he wants our heart. The problem money sometimes poses is that it attaches itself to our hearts, and that's where the problems begin. We do not give to get. We give to worship. It cannot be over emphasized how important it is to understand that how we view and handle money is the context of Jesus' famous response, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' So, let's never forget that whatever gets our money gets our heart. The order matters!

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

You cannot serve both God and money.

MATTHEW 6:24

Make it Practical:

- Stewardship: To protect and expand the resources of another
 - The goal of God blessing you, is for you to be a blessing to someone else.
 - Most people want to be generous, but don't know how.
 - Money can either be a resource, or your master.
- Think percentage, not amount.
 - Give 10%
 - Save 10%
 - Live 80%
- We do not give to get. We give to worship.
 - Mark 12:43-44 "Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Talk About It

- What part of this message impacted you the most?
- How can you be a better steward of the blessings God has given you?
- Why is it important to be a good steward of our finances? What does this kind of responsibility say about our faith in Jesus Christ?

God expects us to manage His resources.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the blessings You have promised and given to us. Holy Spirit, teach us to be wise in stewarding our finances, and to use them to glorify You. May we honor you, Lord Jesus, in blessing others just as You have blessed us. In Your Name. Amen.

Leader Tip

Encourage someone from the group to share a personal story about God's supernatural provision for them.