

## MAKING GENEROSITY EASY 1 TIMOTHY 6

**Generosity is easy when you view your wealth and needs as God does.** 1 Timothy 6:7, 8

- All things are temporary.  
*"For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either."* 1 Timothy 6:7  
• Ecclesiastes 5:13-15 • Proverbs 23:4, 5
- You only really need food and clothing.  
*"If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content."* 1 Timothy 6:8  
• Proverbs 30:7-9

**Generosity is easy when you manage money God's way.** 1 Timothy 6:17-19

*"Instruct those who are rich in this present world..."*

- Be humbly dependent on God, not money.  
*"...not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God"* 1 Timothy 6:17  
• Hosea 13:5, 6 • II Corinthians 8:3-5
- Trust that God will supply what you need to enjoy.  
*"God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy."* 1 Timothy 6:17  
• I Chronicles 29:10-13 • Deuteronomy 8:18 • 2 Corinthians 9:8
- Pursue good works by faithfully and generously sharing with others for God's kingdom.  
*"Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed."*  
1 Timothy 6:18-19 • 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 • Acts 2:43-47 • Acts 4:32-37  
**"generous"** = to give well.

### Questions to answer so you manage your giving well:

- Do you have a strategic giving plan to consistently support God's ministry? I Corinthians 16:1, 2
- Is your giving based on a promised commitment to God's work? II Corinthians 9:5, 7
- Is your priority to fully supply the needs of the saints? II Corinthians 9:12
- Are people giving thanks to God for the gifts? II Corinthians 9:12
- Is the gospel of Christ advanced by your gifts? II Corinthians 9:13
- Is there a strong bond created with the believers from your support? II Corinthians 9:14
- Do you have a plan to eliminate debt that prevents you from being "ready to share"? Proverbs 22:7

# JOURNEY OF GENEROSITY: STEPS FOR FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP

Where are you at on the journey? Find tools and classes to help you take your next step at [calvarylife.org/generous](http://calvarylife.org/generous)

## STEP 1

- Start tithing and giving first fruits (Proverbs 3:9-10)
- Create a monthly spending plan (Luke 14:28-30)
- Adjust lifestyle (Proverbs 23:4-5)
- Save \$1,000 for emergency fund (Proverbs 21:20)

## STEP 2

- Pay off credit cards & high interest loans (Prov 22:7)
- Emergency fund of 1 month's expenses (Prov 21:5)
- Start giving offerings (Mark 14:3-7)

## STEP 3

- Pay off all loans (Psalm 37:21)
- Increase emergency fund to 3 month's expenses (Proverbs 30:24-25)
- Increase giving percentage (2 Corinthians 9:6-14)
- Increase gift offerings percentage (Mark 14:3-7)

## STEP 4

- Create a strategic savings plan (1 Timothy 6:6)
- Create a strategic giving plan (1 Corinthians 16:2)
- Short-term Goal: car replacement, home upgrades, college (Proverbs 28:20)
- Mid-term Goal: one year's expenses (Proverbs 6:6-8)
- Long-term Goal: income replacement (Eccles 11:2)

## STEP 5

- Calling Evaluation: back to college, start a business, career change (1 Timothy 6:7-10)
- Investment Stage: build assets that create cash flow (Ecclesiastes 11:2)
- Pre-pay mortgage (Proverbs 28:19)
- Continue strategic plans (Proverbs 28:22)

## STEP 6

- Continue strategic giving/savings plan (2 Cor 9:6-14)
- Pay off mortgage (Romans 13:8)

## STEP 7

- Extravagant generosity (2 Corinthians 9:6-14)
- 100% strategic living (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

**Generous Living Workshops:** Financial discipleship honors God and results in living with gratitude, godly financial decision making, financial margin, and a generous heart open to how God wants to use His blessings to bless others. Take a next step today by attending one of these upcoming workshops, which address various topics providing a Biblical foundation with practical steps to equip you to be a faithful steward:

- **Raising Financially Freed-Up Kids** Sundays, October 6-27 | 11:00am | G-211
- **Planning Now for Beyond 65** Saturday, October 26 | 9:00am-Noon | W-209
- **Overflow: A Life Refreshed by Generosity** Sundays, November 3 - December 15 | 11:00am | G-211

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