

VALUES & MONEY

MODULE 6: GENEROSITY IN GIVING

HOW AM I DOING RIGHT NOW?

Am I feeling good about how generous I have been recently? When times are tough, have I stopped giving, for example, to my church?

BIBLE VERSES

2 Corinthians 9:7

7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Proverbs 3:9

9 Honour the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops;

Acts 20:35

35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Proverbs 11:24-25

24 One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

25 A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

HEARTLINES

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

● In what ways can I give, other than money?

● How can I give in a way that empowers people and does not make them dependent on me?

● In what areas could I be more generous?

● Am I willing to continue giving even when the going gets tough for me?

● Do my partner/spouse agree about our giving, how much and to whom?



FINANCIAL HEALTH TIPS

Being generous has been shown to be good for one's mental, emotional and spiritual health.

- Try to keep giving to your church, your place of worship, or your favorite charity, even if you have to reduce the amount for a while.
- Ask yourself what you can give by way of goods, food, or provisions.
- On your own or as a family, make a list of people or causes that you may want to support in the future, and develop a plan to start giving, even if it is small.
- Could you create a fund that is used to give to a family in need on a regular basis? Could you offer work to someone unemployed? Could you mentor a student or young person?
- Think of ways in which you could encourage your children to give, so that they can learn what a blessing it is.



PERSONAL COMMITMENT

What can I commit to give each month for the next year? Is there a friend or family that could benefit from my giving?
