

FOLLOWING GENEROUSLY

Part 2: GIVE GENEROUSLY

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"For God so loved the world that He GAVE...."

John 3:16 (NIV)

PRINCIPLES OF GENEROSITY:

"[King David] said to Joab and the army commanders with him, "Go throughout the tribes of Israel from Dan to Beersheba and enroll the fighting men, so that I may know how many there are." But Joab replied to the king, "May the Lord your God multiply the troops a hundred times over, and may the eyes of my lord the king see it. But why does my lord the king want to do such a thing?" The king's word, however, overruled Joab and the army commanders; so they left the presence of the king to enroll the fighting men of Israel."

2 Samuel 24: 1-4 (NIV)

1) THE BASIS FOR ALL SIN (ESPECIALLY FINANCIAL SINS) IS _____

"In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God."

Psalms 10:4 (NIV)

- **MAKING MONEY OUR _____, WHICH LEADS TO _____ WEALTH.**

"Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"

Hebrews 13:5 (ESV)

- **_____ SPENDING.**

"Wise people's houses are full of the best foods and olive oil, but fools waste everything they have."

Proverbs 21:20 (NCV)

SIMPLY PUT, PRIDE IS _____ - _____

2) THE NECESSITY OF _____

"David was conscience-stricken after he had counted the fighting men, and he said to the Lord, 'I have sinned greatly in what I have done. Now, Lord, I beg you, take away the guilt of your servant. I have done a very foolish thing.' David said to Gad, 'I am in deep distress. Let us fall into the hands of the Lord, for his mercy is great; but do not let me fall into human hands.' When David saw the angel who was striking down the people, he said to the Lord, 'I have sinned; I, the shepherd, have done wrong. These are but sheep. What have they done? Let your hand fall on me and my family.'"

2 Samuel 24: 10, 14, 17 (NIV)

- **REPENTANCE = A CHANGED _____ AND CHANGED _____**

"The sacrifice God wants is a broken spirit. God, you will not reject a heart that is broken and sorry for sin."

Psalms 51:17 (NCV)

3) SACRIFICIAL GIVING IS BOTH AN INDICATOR OF _____

AN ACT OF _____.

Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" "To buy your threshing floor," David answered, "so I can build an altar to the Lord, that the plague on the people may be stopped." Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take whatever he wishes and offer it up. Here are oxen for the burnt offering, and here are threshing sledges and ox yokes for the wood.... But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing."

2 Samuel 24: 21-24 (NIV)

- _____ = _____ = _____

HOW DO I KNOW MY GIVING IS SACRIFICIAL AND GENEROUS?

- **IT'S** _____

Honor the LORD with your wealth, and the firstfruits from all your crops. Proverbs 3:9 (NCV)

- **IT'S** _____

Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit. Proverbs 23:4 (NLT)

- **A HELPFUL STARTING PLACE = _____ (_____ %)**

OPTIONAL EXPERIMENT: THE TAKEOFF

MONTHS 1-3:	GIVE _____ % TO SERVE GOD'S KINGDOM
MONTHS 4-6:	GIVE _____ % TO SERVE GOD'S KINGDOM
MONTHS 7-9:	GIVE _____ % TO SERVE GOD'S KINGDOM
MONTHS 10-11:	GIVE _____ % TO SERVE GOD'S KINGDOM
MONTH 12:	GIVE _____ % TO SERVE GOD'S KINGDOM

- **IT'S DONE _____, EVEN WHEN _____**

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ...

- If I am not a Christian, discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
 - Check box on back of Communication Card.
- If I believe that Jesus died for my sins and rose from the grave, I'm ready to be baptized.
 - Check box on back of Communication Card to be baptized at our Baptism Celebration on Palm Sunday, April 14th
- I want to give, but I'm reluctant to give to a Church.
 - Check out the Haiti Child Sponsorship program. All money given goes to our mission partner, the LaCroix New Testament Mission. For \$20.00 a month you can provide a child with a school uniform, one meal a day, and an education.
- Consider attending our Freed Up Financial Living Class.
 - a 6-week class that runs every Tuesday from April 2nd – May 7th, from 6pm – 7:30pm at the GNG Ministry Center. The cost is \$20 for the materials, and you can sign up today in the atrium.
- Consider "The Takeoff" exercise as a way to begin the practice of generosity.