

How to Become Generous

Most of us believe in generosity. But believing in generosity is different from actually being generous. How can we become generous, giving what we have to God from a joyful heart? We become generous by learning to give consistently, sacrificially, willingly, and wisely.

Why should We become generous and joyful givers?

- because giving is an act of worship and God is worthy of our worship
- because giving is an investment in eternity
- because God made us rich
- because giving crushes our idols

How can we become generous & Joyful givers?

1. Give consistently

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

With regard to the collection for the saints, please follow the directions that I gave to the churches of Galatia. On the first day of every week, each of you should set aside some income and save it to the extent that God has blessed you...

2. Give sacrificially

2 Corinthians 9:15 - Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

2 Samuel 24:24

The king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God which cost me nothing."

Chip Ingram - To be smart, spend carefully. To be wise, save regularly. To be genius, give extravagantly.

3. Give Freely

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each one must do just as he has decided in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 8:6

Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace.

4. Give Wisely

Luke 16:8

The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.

1. Give to help people in need

James 1:27

Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

2. Give to make disciples

Acts 1:8

"...but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

- Every Day
- Every Neighbor
- Every Nation