

The Trellis Bible Study Guide

Title: Generosity

DATE: November 8, 2020, Week 9

Focal Passages: Luke 10:29-37

Focal Story: The Story of the Good Samaritan

Focal Question: Where do I get Living Water?

Generosity Description: Life with Jesus cheerfully gives back to God and others in abundance.

Bible Study Content Outline:

1. Generosity is an action without expectation of receiving anything in return.
2. Generosity is not limited to those we like. The victim was a Jew, despised by Samaritans.
3. Our Motivation for Generosity - Gratitude for God's loving us and his grace.
4. 1 Cor. 13 describes Agape love and provides characteristics of Agape love.
5. Expressions of Generosity:
 - Time
 - Material Resources
 - Christ-like spirit
 - Faith
 - Relationship
 - Abilities and Talents
6. Discipline to grow the spiritual practice of generosity may lead us to:
 - a. Develop an understanding of generosity and what it means.
 - b. Develop regular practices and rhythms of generosity (inhale and exhale).
7. Generosity comes from the Spirit's power within us. Jesus, exhausted from a busy schedule, could still stop in the middle of chaos to generously share of his love, compassion, power, and self with the haemophiliac woman.

Questions for my specific personal use of this practice:

- What parts of generosity come naturally to me and where do I struggle with it? Why?
- What expressions of generosity discussed do I give away generosity and which ones do I do I hold back from sharing? Why?

Recommended for Further Reading:

Both books contain chapters on developing the practice of worship to guide us in our life with Jesus.

Ken Blanchet and Truett Cathy. *The Generosity Factor: Discover the Joy of Giving Your Time, Talent, and Treasure.* 2010

Kristine Miller and Scott McKenzie. *The Generosity Challenge: 28 Days of Gratitude, Prayer, and Faith.* 2019.