



Series: MONEY MATTERS

Sermon: Part 5: Radical Generosity

Date: Sunday, February 5th, 2023

_____ : learning to surrender our way of doing life and following Jesus in all areas of our life

1. Following Jesus
2. Following Jesus with others
3. Helping others to follow Jesus

“When it comes to following Jesus three conversions are necessary. The conversion of the heart, the conversion of the mind, and the conversion of the purse. Of these three, the conversion of the purse is the MOST difficult.” (Martin Luther, German Theologian)

Examples of God’s generosity in Scripture: Genesis 2:7, Deuteronomy 5:33, John 3:16

Giving is who God is and God wants us to reflect that same _____ to those around us.

“The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.” (Deuteronomy 14:23 TLB)

“The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.” (Proverbs 11:24-25 MSG)

God is generous with everything He has and as His followers, He wants us to be _____ with everything we have.

Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. (2 Corinthians 9:10-11)



Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 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. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

Question: Do you love Jesus more or money more?

Two Next Steps Towards Radical Generosity

1. Keep _____ of where your money goes
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2. Take a step of _____ and practice tithing

Where do I tithe to? (Whatever church you consider to be your _____)

Our tithes are used to create environments so people can follow Jesus, follow Jesus with others, and help others to follow Jesus.

It is also using our _____ and influence to build bridges of trust with people and organizations in the city of Malden in order to serve them and meet the needs of the city.

Bottom Line: *Giving is who God is and God wants us to reflect that same generosity to those around us.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

1. Based on the way that you use what God has entrusted to you and based on His standard of giving, would God consider you to be a generous person or a selfish person?
2. If you consider yourself to be a follower of Jesus and if you are not tithing towards God's mission, how may you take a step of faith in order to start to do so?
3. If you are tithing, how may God be inviting you to be even more generous with your giving?

Songs used in service: The Lord's Prayer (Hillsong), Alabaré Al Señor (Hillsong), O Come To The Altar (Elevation Worship), God Of This City (Chris Tomlin)

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Any prayer requests?

Name: _____ **Email (so we can follow up):** _____

What can we be praying for you about?