

Session 4

Unlocking Life-Changing Potential

Over the past three sessions, we've discovered the biblical principle of sowing and reaping and learned how putting God first transforms the way we steward everything He has entrusted to us.

In this session, we are challenged to take another step. Generosity isn't simply something we do, it reflects who God is. Because God is generous, His followers are called to live generously as well.

Living generously is about far more than finances. It's choosing abundance over scarcity, looking for opportunities to add value to others, and becoming a living reflection of God's goodness. As we become more like Jesus, our generosity points people to Him.

Connect

Take a few minutes to catch up with one another and welcome anyone who is new to the group.

1. Who has been one of the most generous people you've known? What made them memorable?
2. When someone is generous toward you, how does it affect your view of them?
3. Do you naturally lean toward an abundance mindset or a scarcity mindset? Why?

Watch (31 minutes)

As you watch the message, complete the notes below.

Our Foundation

God is a _____ God.

Because God is generous, He calls His followers to live _____.

Generous living means...

1. We live a _____ life.
2. We continually _____ seeds.
3. We attract people to _____.
4. We receive more than we can ever _____.
5. We live out our God-created _____.

Remember:

An abundance mindset says:

“I have _____ to share.”

A scarcity mindset says:

“I don’t have _____.”

Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

— Deuteronomy 15:10

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

— Philippians 4:8-9

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

— Luke 6:38

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.”

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

— Matthew 5:13-16

Discuss

1. In this session we were reminded that generosity begins with recognizing that God is generous. How does our view of God shape the way we live and give?
2. Which of the five characteristics of generous living challenged or encouraged you the most? Why?
3. We learned about an abundance mindset and a scarcity mindset. What are some signs that someone is living with each mindset? How can we intentionally cultivate an abundance mindset?
4. We learned that generous living should make people “hungry for God.” How can your generosity, kindness, encouragement, and everyday actions point others toward Jesus this week?

“My potential tomorrow is based upon the seeds I sow today.”

- John Maxwell

“The soil says, ‘Bring me your seed, not your need.’”

- John Maxwell

“We become witnesses to the goodness and the graciousness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

- John Maxwell

Apply

This week, ask God to help you reflect His generosity in practical ways.

Choose one or two next steps:

- ☐ **Think Differently** — Spend time each day meditating on Philippians 4:8-9, asking God to develop an abundance mindset.
- ☐ **Sow a Seed** — Intentionally add value to someone this week through encouragement, serving, generosity, or meeting a practical need.
- ☐ **Reflect God's Character** — Look for one opportunity to make someone "hungry for God" by demonstrating His kindness, generosity, and love.

Use this space to write down your answer:

Personal Reflection

Pray that God would put someone on your heart to be generous toward this week.

Use this space to write down your answer:

Pray

Share prayer requests and pray together.

Pray that God would help each person:

- Grow in an abundance mindset.
- Live with open hands and an open heart.
- Recognize opportunities to add value to others.
- Reflect God's generosity in everyday life.
- Become a witness to the goodness of Jesus through the way they live.

Next Steps

Read:

- 2 Corinthians 9:6
- Galatians 6:7–9
- Proverbs 11:18

Complete this week's application challenge.

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