



Design: Is a generous giver

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	Spiritual	Experiential	Relational	Instructional
1	Meditate on Matthew 10:42; Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; 1 Timothy 6:17-19. Memorize one or two of these verses.	Give to needy people freely and when possible, without letting them know it was you.	Spend time with generous people, to learn about their attitudes and sense of responsibility.	Study Matthew 10:42; Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; 1 Timothy 6:17-19. Find other passages of Scripture on this topic and study them.
2	Choose one Scripture each week and meditate on it every day (Acts 20:35; Romans 12:13; Proverbs 14:31; James 2:13).	Challenge yourself by making a list of 10 things you own that you enjoy, then giving away the top five. Next, make a list of 20 things and do the same; then 50.	Follow the examples of believers who are generous, hospitable, and sacrificial. Ask them for advice and imitate them.	Teach your small group or church on the topic of giving (see Matthew 6:1-4).
3	Use the above Scriptures to examine yourself if you have been stingy, if you care too much about your money and possessions, if you have no pity on others, if you have been calculating and not willing to make sacrifices for others. Repent before God and ask God to help you to give generously.	Visit the elderly or the poor and ask them what they need. Go out and get those things and then give them to them.	Ask a spiritual friend to pray for you and keep you accountable to give generously.	Discuss 1 Timothy 6:17-18 with your small group or team. God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. What aspects can be included in being rich in good deeds? What kind of person is a generous giver? What are the obstacles that hinder you from giving generously?
4	Meditate on the generous giving of God. Reflect on the times in the past that you have received rich and abundant grace from God.	When you go to the grocery store and buy daily necessities, buy a bit more than you need and give the extra away.	Share your struggles with a spiritual leader who knows you well and is good at giving generously. Invite them to pray for you and give you advice so that you can also give willingly.	Study one or two people in the Bible who gave generously (for instance, Dorcas). Why did they do so? What were the results?
5	Reflect on past times that you have not given generously. Confess these to God, receive His mercy, and repent. Pray that God would give you many opportunities to give generously, specifically to those you have overlooked before and to those in need now.	When you travel to a different place, buy some gifts for your friends and family members.	Invite a generous giver to share with you why they can give generously and how they grew in this area. Ask them to share the results of their generous giving.	Study one or two people in the Bible who were unwilling to give freely (for instance, Luke 16:19-26). Why were they unwilling? What were the consequences?
6	Worship God with songs based on His goodness and giving nature, connect with Him, and enter into His abundance.	Make sure you are giving to God's work regularly. If you already are, increase your giving by 10% for a month, and change your other spending habits to account for the extra.	Ask intercessors at your church or on your team to pray for you in this area.	Listen to audio teachings on Church and Family Life by Malcolm Webber – at least one per week.
7	Ask God to give you a generous, merciful and loving heart, that you would see the needs of others and move to meet them.	Resolve to give something to everyone who asks you for two to three months.		Find and read books and articles on this topic (ask friends and spiritual leaders for suggestions).
8	Pray that God would help you release the things you have into His hands, that you would realize that they are ultimately His, and that you would give them freely to those in need.	Bring food to meetings for everyone to share.		Study positive cases and testimonies of how people's lives were blessed by giving generously. Study negative cases and testimonies of the results of being unwilling to give freely.
9		Invite workers or students who were sent by other churches to stay with you. Provide their meals and give them gifts when they come.		
10		Open your house to be used as a place for small group meetings or other church events. Look for ways to welcome people into your home and care for their needs.		
11		Volunteer your time, money, and effort to different ministries without calculating how much you are giving. Do it for the glory of God.		