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Part 4: Intentional Generosity

Big Idea

The focus of this message is “INTENTIONAL GENEROSITY.” When a person’s life on this earth ends, people tend to remember what they “were” more than what they “said”. Each of us will leave a “legacy” in the hearts and minds of those who know us. Are you making decisions today that will result in a legacy of generosity and eternal impact?

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NIV)

Discussion Questions

- Life should not just be about “making more money to get more stuff,” but about “making a difference.” What steps can we take to not only increase our “awareness” of the misfortunes of others, but to get involved in making a difference in those misfortunes?
- “Choices lead, feelings follow.” The times you have felt most fulfilled in life, did you follow your heart/feelings or did your heart/feelings follow your actions? Why did it have that effect on you?
- Inheritance is about what you leave “to” others, but legacy is about what you leave “in” others. How is your church helping you to define the difference? What evidence do you see in your church and in your life of the value of understanding that difference?

Next Step

Take some time to sit down with those in your life to whom you are the closest (spouse, family, friends, etc.) and develop a plan to become intentionally generous. Think about Random Acts of Kindness, short-term mission trips, a giving plan through your church, etc. that can help you to demonstrate that generosity in your daily life.

Prayer Focus

Some members of your group may have identified areas in which they need to make good, Godly choices that they have not felt like making. Take a few minutes as a group to allow members to pray for God’s help and strength, both for themselves and for others, to make those choices.

Leader Tips

Share some examples of ways that you, as a leader, have intentionally shared your faith in Christ (inviting others to church, telling your story, opening your home for small groups, etc.), and the fruit you have seen, both in your own life, and in the life of those with whom you shared.