

GIVE

One of the greatest challenges in following Jesus is learning to trust Him with what we value most. For many of us, few areas reveal that trust more clearly than our finances. Money is connected to our security, comfort, plans, and future. Giving generously is one way we learn to trust God more deeply.

Throughout Scripture, God calls His people to live with open hands. Financial generosity recognizes that everything we have belongs to God. Our income, savings, possessions, and resources are gifts He has entrusted to us. Giving is an opportunity to faithfully steward what He has provided for His purposes and the good of others.

Give

trusting God enough to live generously with what He's given you

Generosity changes us. Every time we give, we remind ourselves that God is the Owner and we are His stewards. Giving loosens our grip on money and strengthens our confidence in God's provision. It challenges the belief that having more will make us more secure and teaches us to depend on the One who provides what we need. At the heart of generosity is the gospel itself. Before God ever asked us to give, He gave to us. *"For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son..."* (John 3:16). We don't give to earn God's favor. We give in response to the generosity we have already received through Jesus Christ.

Over the next five days, you'll discover that financial generosity is not measured by the size of the gift but by the posture of the heart. As you read, ask God to show you where He is inviting you to trust Him with your finances. Giving involves your money, but what God is really shaping is your heart.

Remember...

The goal isn't simply to become a more generous person.

The goal is to become more like Jesus.

Day 1

Everything Belongs to God

Scripture: Psalm 24:1

Psalm 24 begins with a foundational truth: God owns everything because He created everything. David reminds us that the earth, everything in it, and everyone who lives on it belongs to the Lord. We often think in terms of ownership—*my* money, *my* house, *my* possessions. Scripture invites us to think differently. Everything we have is a gift entrusted to us by God. We are not owners; we are partners. A partner faithfully manages what belongs to someone else.

Application

One important way we follow Jesus is to intentionally **Give**, recognizing that everything we have comes from God. Our culture encourages us to believe that what we have is ours because we earned it. While hard work matters, every ability, opportunity, and resource is ultimately a gift from our Heavenly Father. Recognizing God's ownership changes the question from, "What do I want to do with what's mine?" to, "Lord, how do You want me to use what You've entrusted to me?" This is especially true of our finances. As we loosen our grip on money and give generously, our confidence shifts from what we possess to the God who faithfully provides.

Every time you Give, you are taking another intentional step in following Jesus.

Reflection

- Do you see your finances as something you own or something God has entrusted to you?
- Where might God be asking you to trust Him through generosity?

Prayer

Father, thank You for everything You've provided. Help me remember that it all belongs to You. Teach me to faithfully steward what You've entrusted to me and to trust You enough to give generously. Use my generosity to shape my heart and help me become more like Jesus. Amen.

Day 2

Trusting God First

Scripture: Proverbs 3:9–10

Proverbs teaches us to “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce.” The command begins with *honor*. One practical way we honor God is through how we handle the resources He has entrusted to us. The “firstfruits” were especially significant to the Israelites. Before the full harvest was gathered, they brought the first and best portion to God. It wasn't a leftover gift. It was an act of worship and a declaration of trust that God was the source of every blessing and would faithfully provide what they needed.

Application

One important way we follow Jesus is to intentionally **Give** by trusting God enough to put Him first with our finances. Trust grows through experience. Each time we choose to **Give** to God first rather than simply giving from what is left over, we remind ourselves that He is faithful and His provision is enough. Generosity is not simply about what God wants from you. It is about what God wants for you - a heart that trusts in His faithfulness rather than clinging to money for security. As you put Him first with your finances, you can experience the freedom that comes from knowing your life is securely in His hands.

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Reflection

- What does the way you manage your finances reveal about where your trust is placed?
- How could putting God first financially deepen your trust in Him?

Prayer

Father, thank You for faithfully providing for me. Forgive me when I trust my resources more than I trust You. Teach me to honor You first with my finances and to rest confidently in Your faithful provision. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Day 3

The Joy of Generosity

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6–8

As Paul encouraged the Corinthians to give to believers in need, he reminded them of an important

principle: “Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” Paul wasn’t describing a formula for becoming wealthy. He was revealing the kind of heart God desires. God loves a cheerful giver because joyful generosity reflects His character. Paul assures believers that “God will generously provide all you need.” God doesn’t promise everything we want, but He faithfully provides what we need so we can continue doing the good He calls us to do. His provision fuels our generosity.

Application

One important way we follow Jesus is to intentionally **Give** because generosity reflects the heart of God. Our Heavenly Father has been incredibly generous toward us, giving His own Son so that we might have eternal life. Every act of generosity is an opportunity to reflect His grace to others. As our relationship with Christ deepens, giving becomes less about obligation and more about worship. It becomes a joyful response to everything God has already given us. A generous life doesn’t begin with having more—it begins with trusting that God is enough.

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Reflection

- When you think about giving, do you feel more obligation or joy?
- How has God’s generosity toward you shaped the way you give?

Prayer

Father, thank You for Your generosity toward me. Everything I have comes from You, and the greatest gift of all is Jesus. Help me give with a joyful heart, trusting that You will faithfully provide what I need. Shape my heart to become more like Yours. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Day 4

Rich Toward God

Scripture: Luke 12:15–21

Jesus told the parable of the rich fool after a man asked Him to settle a dispute over an inheritance. Rather than addressing the disagreement, Jesus exposed a deeper issue which was the condition of the man’s heart. He warned, “Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.” Jesus described a wealthy farmer whose land produced such an abundant harvest that he built bigger barns to store it all. His plan seemed wise, but something was missing. There was no thought of God, concern for others, or recognition that everything he had was a gift. Jesus called him a fool, not because he was wealthy, but because he confused possessions with security. His barns were full, but he was not “rich toward God.”

Application

One important way we follow Jesus is to intentionally **Give** by investing our finances in what has eternal value. It’s easy to spend our lives accumulating things that cannot satisfy and won’t last. Jesus invites us to pursue a different kind of wealth - one marked by generosity and eternal impact. As our hearts become more focused on God’s kingdom, our grip on money begins to loosen. Giving becomes more than meeting a need or supporting a ministry. It becomes a declaration that our greatest treasure is found in Christ.

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Reflection

- What do your financial priorities reveal about what you treasure most?

- How can you invest more intentionally in things with eternal value?

Prayer

Father, thank You for reminding me that true life is found in You, not in what I possess. Guard my heart against greed. Help me use what You've given me for Your purposes and become rich toward You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Day 5

The Gift That Pleases God

Scripture: Philippians 4:15–19

As Paul concluded his letter to the Philippians, he thanked the church for financially supporting his ministry. They had faithfully given to meet his needs when few others had. Yet Paul's greatest joy wasn't simply receiving their gift. He rejoiced because their generosity revealed spiritual fruit growing in their lives. Paul described their offering as "a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God." Their gift wasn't merely helping a missionary; it was an act of worship offered to God Himself. Paul then reminded them that the same God they trusted with their resources would faithfully supply their needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Application

One important way we follow Jesus is to intentionally **Give** as an act of worship. Every financial gift is an opportunity to express our gratitude to God and our confidence in His care. Giving shifts our attention from what we might lose to everything we have already received through Christ. As we grow in our relationship with Jesus, generosity becomes less about obligation and more about love. We **Give** because God first gave to us. We trust because He has always been faithful. Our generosity becomes an expression of a life transformed by God's grace.

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Reflection

- Do you see giving as an obligation or an opportunity to worship God?
- How has God's faithfulness helped you trust Him with your finances?

Prayer

Father, thank You for faithfully providing for me. Help me give with gratitude, joy, and confidence in Your care. May my generosity be an act of worship that brings honor to You and reflects my trust in Your faithfulness. In Jesus' name. Amen.