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**From Generation to Generation**

**A THEOLOGY OF  
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## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

This guide is designed to be used over 6 weeks in your home. The idea is that you would decide on one night each week, and in an area where your family regularly gathers (the dinner table, the living room, the hot tub, etc.), you would lead your family in each devotional. The expectation is that you would open God's word together, that you would be ready to teach the 'parent teaching' section, and lead your children through the provided questions to help form and shape them in a theology of generosity.

Each week includes: A main idea, a key passage of Scripture, a short parent teaching, conversation questions for you to talk about as a family, and a simple practice to live out together. You don't need to be an expert. Faithfulness and consistency matter more than perfection.

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## **WEEK ONE:**

### **A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW TEACHES US THAT GOD OWNS EVERYTHING**

#### **MAIN IDEA:**

Generosity begins with recognizing that everything we have belongs to God.

#### **KEY SCRIPTURE:**

“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein” — Psalm 24:1

#### **PARENT TEACHING:**

Biblical generosity doesn’t start with money—it starts with ownership. Scripture consistently teaches that God is the owner and we are stewards. This means that when we give, we are not losing something, we are trusting God with it. When teenagers believe they own what they have, generosity feels painful. When they believe God owns it, giving becomes worship.

#### **CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:**

- If God owns everything, what does that mean for everything we have?
- How does believing we are stewards change how we view giving and serving?
- What’s something that’s hard for you to imagine God having control over?

#### **FAMILY PRACTICE:**

Together, take the time to list several things that your family has (money, talents, opportunities). Pray and verbally offer them back to God.

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## **WEEK TWO: THE GOSPEL CREATES WITHIN US A GENEROUS HEART**

### **MAIN IDEA:**

A Biblical understanding of generosity begins with seeing that God gave His very best - His Son - and offered Him freely for our salvation and redemption.

### **KEY SCRIPTURE:**

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.” — 2 Corinthians 8:9

### **PARENT TEACHING:**

Christian generosity flows from a right understanding of the gospel. Jesus didn't give himself reluctantly; He gave himself sacrificially, willingly, and joyfully. We must see generosity as a response to God's grace and not a way to try to earn it.

### **CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:**

- What has God given you that you didn't earn?
- Why do you think guilt-based giving doesn't last?
- How does Jesus' sacrifice change how we view the things we have?

### **FAMILY PRACTICE:**

As a family, share one way God has been generous to each of you this week.

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## **WEEK THREE:**

### **THE GOSPEL DRAWS OUT IDOLS IN OUR HEART AND REVEALS WHAT WE LOVE**

#### **MAIN IDEA:**

Where we spend money and what we spend money on reveals what we value most.

#### **KEY SCRIPTURE:**

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”  
— Matthew 6:21

#### **PARENT TEACHING:**

Jesus talks about money often because it exposes our hearts. Teenagers are forming habits now—how they spend their allowance, what they buy for themselves, or paychecks shapes what they love. This week is about awareness, not shame.

#### **CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:**

- What do you usually spend your money on first?
- What do your spending habits say about what matters to you?
- How can money be used for good instead of control?

#### **FAMILY PRACTICE:**

Review how you as a family spent money this week. Talk about patterns that you see and how you can be more faithful in how you steward your resources.

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## **WEEK FOUR:**

### **THE GOSPEL TEACHES US THAT GENEROSITY IS LEARNED THROUGH PRACTICE**

#### **MAIN IDEA:**

Generosity grows by setting habits in place and intentionally practicing them.

#### **KEY SCRIPTURE:**

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver.” — 2 Corinthians 9:7

#### **PARENT TEACHING:**

Generosity is a muscle—it grows with use. Scripture encourages planned, joyful giving. Teenagers learn generosity when parents model it openly and consistently.

#### **CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:**

- Why do habits matter in following Jesus?
- What makes giving feel joyful instead of forced?
- What’s one habit you could start that would help you grow in generosity?

#### **FAMILY PRACTICE:**

Help your children decide on a simple giving plan (percentage, purpose, or practice).

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## **WEEK FIVE:**

### **THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL LOOSENS MONEY'S GRIP ON OUR HEARTS**

#### **MAIN IDEA:**

A heart that is transformed by the gospel loosens its grip on the things of the world.

#### **KEY SCRIPTURE:**

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.” — 1 Timothy 6:10

#### **PARENT TEACHING:**

Money promises security but ultimately cannot deliver it. Generosity is one of the areas of our life that God's uses to free us from greed and comparison. Teenagers especially feel pressure to keep up—giving and generosity can remind them that their identity isn't found in what they own, but only in a personal relationship with Jesus.

#### **CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:**

- What pressures do you feel with money or accumulating stuff?
- How can generosity protect us from greed?
- What does it look like to trust God with your future?

#### **FAMILY PRACTICE:**

Choose something that as a family you can give away together — money, time, or possessions.

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## **WEEK SIX:**

### **THE GOSPEL EMPOWERS US TO LIVE AS GENEROUS WITNESSES IN THE WORLD**

#### **MAIN IDEA:**

Our generosity has the ability to be seen as worship to God and can be used by Him to draw others to Himself.

#### **KEY SCRIPTURE:**

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father who is in heaven .” — Matthew 5:16

#### **PARENT TEACHING:**

Generosity is missional. It reflects God’s heart and opens doors for the gospel to spread where it has never gone before. Teenagers need to see that generosity isn’t just personal—it’s missional obedience.

#### **CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:**

- How can generosity point people to Jesus?
- Who could be impacted by your generosity?
- What kind of legacy do you want to leave?

#### **FAMILY PRACTICE:**

Pray together about one way your family can practice missional generosity.