

# Cultivating Generous People

We are created in the image of a generous God and as His children, He calls us to live counter to the world's culture of fear, scarcity, false securities, selfish ambitions, and endless consumption. We are called to open our hearts and hands and live generously.

## Just like Jesus.

There are 5 Foundational Generosity Tenants (truths, principles, touch-stones) that if you remember and live by them, you can cultivate generosity in your own lives, but in others as well... your family, your church and even in your community. They connect our faith to our finances and everything else we own; they should influence our life choices and help shape our worldview.



***My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12***

***Do everything in love - Corinthians 16:14***

***Let us love one another, for love comes from God... - 1 John 4:7***

If you want to be a generous person – get to know the first and greatest giver – God. As you deepen your relationship with Him, let your heart overflow with generosity to those He loves and cares about.

Our model and motivator is Jesus who, though he was very rich, yet for your sake become poor so that you through His poverty might become rich. - 2 Corinthians 8:9

Skye Jethani writes that **“The Christian belief in the Trinity means that God did not need to create us in order to express or receive love. Instead, He created us – and all things – from the overflow of the love shared between the Father, Son and Spirit... God created and redeemed us because He wanted us to share in the love that has been enjoyed between Father, Son and Spirit since before the world began... Jesus invites us to share in the life and love of the Trinity. He wants us to join God’s part and live in perpetual communion with Him.”**

He continues with **“Just as God created us from the overflow of love experienced within the Trinity, our generosity is also to be the overflow of the love experienced in our relationship with God.”**

**Q. In the past, would you say your acts of generosity were rooted more in a sense of obligation or in the overflow of your relationship with God?**