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Give according to God's design and you'll develop a generous heart like His

1. **<u>Giving</u>** is a prime aspect of following Jesus

2 Corinthians 8:7

Giving 101:

- God as **<u>owner</u>** and you as <u>**manager**</u> or steward

Matthew 25:14

- <u>**Trust**</u> is the hinge for giving consistently and obediently or not

Matthew 6:31-33

- Biblical principles about giving
 - a. **Priority** (first fruits)

Proverbs 3:9-10

b. **Proportional** (% of income)

Leviticus 27:32

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

c. <u>Progressive</u> (grows as God supplies more seed)

1 Thessalonians 4:1

2. Generosity is a principle that $\underline{impacts}$ all areas of your life

2 Corinthians 9:6

Galatians 6:7

We're called to be generous because \underline{God} is generous

Romans 8:32

3. Generosity manages the tension between a Biblical <u>mandate</u> and my free <u>will</u>

2 Corinthians 9:7

Generosity – not just the act of giving, but the $\underline{\text{heart}}$ of God that inhabits that action

Now What? Give according to God's design and you'll develop a generous heart like His



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Share It

Who has been generous with you by sharing time, service, or resources?

Learn from the Bible

What do we learn about God's generosity and what has He given to us?

John 3:16; 10:18; Romans 8:32

Acts 1:8; John 14:16-17

Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 3:18

James 1:5; John 1:12

Matthew 4:4; John 17:8

Philippians 4:19

What do we learn about giving? 2 Corinthians 8:7

Proverbs 3:9-10

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

2 Corinthians 9:6-7; Galatians 6:7

Discuss Together Why is the concept of giving a challenge for us to hear or discuss? What might this reveal?

How can we summarize what it means to 'give according to God's design?' How is this connected with how we see God?

What promises does God give us about giving according to His design?

Pray Together

- For the people in our worlds to see our devotion and desire Jesus
- For your global partner to know God's presence and provision
- For the Trinity family to grow in love and mission