

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

The Journey of a Generous Heart

1. What tends to hold you back when it comes to giving?
2. Have you ever believed—even subconsciously—that generosity was a way to get something from God?
3. The Initial Giver takes a “leap of faith” with no past experience to draw from. Where is God currently asking you to say “yes” before you feel ready?
4. Have you ever treated the 10% tithe as a religious box to check? How are you being challenged to change your view?
5. Instead of asking, “How much do I have to give?” the Surrendered Giver first asks, “God, how much do you *want* me to give?” What would change in your budget if you started from that question instead?
6. The Eternal Giver’s legacy is something that inspires others and funds gospel work long after the giver is gone. What kind of legacy do you want your own giving to leave behind?

GROW IN GENEROSITY EXERCISE

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In order to identify where we are on the Giving Journey, we have to understand our relationship with money. Take a few minutes to mark how you feel about each of the following statements.

-5 = STRONGLY DISAGREE | 5 = STRONGLY AGREE

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| 1. The details of my finances should be kept private from family and friends. | -5 | -4 | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. My salary and my belongings are an indication of my success. | -5 | -4 | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. The more money I have in savings, the more secure I feel. | -5 | -4 | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. Some kinds of debt are okay. | -5 | -4 | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. Once I have everything I need, I should be generous with what I have left. | -5 | -4 | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. Money is meant to be spent because I can't take it with me when I die. | -5 | -4 | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. Carrying a balance on my credit card(s) is okay. | -5 | -4 | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8. I should not need financial assistance from anyone else. | -5 | -4 | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9. Providing financially for my family is one of my most important responsibilities. | -5 | -4 | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 10. I want to give my children more than I had growing up. | -5 | -4 | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 11. It's important that my children have the same things and opportunities as their peers. | -5 | -4 | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 12. Children should be told the details of our family finances. | -5 | -4 | -3 | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Review the Giving Journey on pages 36-37. Write down the stage you sense God inviting you toward next. Write one small, concrete step you'll take in that direction this month. Ask someone you trust to walk with you through it and celebrate whatever God does along the way.

