

Message from God's Life-Giving Word
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Stranger Things – The Art of Making Disciples
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How is the Mission going?

The Art of Generosity

* God is _____

*But as you excel in **everything**—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in your love for us—see that you excel in this **act of grace** also. 2 Corinthians 8:7*

*...their **abundance of joy** and their **extreme poverty** have overflowed in a **wealth of generosity** on their part. For **they gave according to** their means, as I can testify, and **beyond** their means, of their own accord... 2 Corinthians 8:1-3*

*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*

Three Attitudes Towards Generosity (from Luke 10):

1. _____

Jesus said to them, "Watch out! Be on guard against all kinds of greed. Life does not consist in an abundance of **possessions**." Luke 12:15

2. _____

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in **humility** consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look **not only** to your **own interests** but also to the **interests of others**. Philippians 2:3-4*

3. _____

***Good** will come to him who is **generous** and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice. Psalm 112:5*

*A **generous** man will **prosper**; he who refreshes others will himself be **refreshed**. Proverbs 11:25*

*In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, **remembering** the words the Lord **Jesus** Himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35*

So, what's the answer?
(See you next week)

Continue your 'Mission': Notice, Pray, Listen (without advice), Reach out in Love, Value relationships more and now:

Pray for God's priorities in your life towards the capitals you have been given.

Next Steps

1. Journal about all the ways you have been blessed: Spiritually, Relationally, Intellectually, Physically, and Financially.
2. Read Luke 10. In the message, we talked about the three attitudes in this parable. Where do you find yourself most often? Are you comfortable there? Why or why not? What steps can you take to be more generous this week?
3. Review our 'Secret Mission' above. Pray for God's priorities in your life towards the Five Capitals you have been given this week.
REMEMBER: Your time in daily devotion and prayer is not just for your benefit. It is also for the benefit of others. Share what God is teaching you.