

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

Joy, Your Love Awakens, Turn to You, Through it All, Great is Thy Faithfulness

WELCOME

My Treasure. What do you consider to be your greatest treasure? Briefly share your answer to the group.

WORD

MATTHEW 6:31–34

Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' ³²For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴*"So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."*

Our attitude towards God's resources speaks so highly of our attitude towards God. It is a test of our love for Him. If we want to see the reality of love in any human being, we should always follow the example of God Himself. We can give without loving but we cannot love without giving.

To practice radical generosity, remember **G.O.D.**

Once we understand that everything we have belongs to God, we would realize that we are not really giving anything to Him. Rather, we are just doing whatever He wants us to do with His resources. When God tells us to give to the church, to the ministry, we are not really giving to these institutions, we are actually giving back to the Lord who owns it all.

Radical generosity is giving back what already belongs to God. When we understand this truth, acts of giving will be easier for us because we know that it is but a response to God as good stewards of His resources.

GIVING FIRST TO GOD

"Practicing radical generosity does not start with our CALCULATOR, but with our love and trust towards our CREATOR."

It all starts with God. Radical generosity starts with giving our life and everything we have to God. We must first be willing to give everything we are and everything that God entrusted to us, back to Him. Anyone who chooses to follow Jesus must decide first whether He is the Lord of all or not at all.

In **Matthew 19:16–26**, the rich young ruler thought that he loved God. But when Jesus told him to sell his possessions, it was then revealed what was truly in his heart. His heart showed that his real God and security in life was his possessions, not the Lord. In this story, Jesus is telling us if we really want to understand radical generosity, we need to first understand what it means to follow Him.

God does not need our money for He owns everything (**Psalms 24:1**). Even our ability to produce wealth comes from Him (**Deuteronomy 8:18**). The properties in this world will never give us the joy that God alone can give. We may not have everything that the world could offer, but we have a God who owns everything.

OBEDIENCE TO GIVE

Our response to give is an act of obedience. We should eagerly give in obedience to the will of God (**2 Corinthians 8:5**). It is not based on our ability to give for we know that if it is God's will, it is God's bill.

When it comes to giving to God, tithing is only a starting point. We may be tithing like the Pharisees did, but if our heart is not right, it is good for nothing (**Matthew 23:23**). More so, as we are giving to the ministry, we must also provide for our family (**1 Timothy 5:8**), give to the poor, to the government with our taxes, to our fellow believers and those who are in need (**Galatians 2:10, Romans 13:6–7, Luke 3:11–14**).

We are not bound to give because it is a law, but we give with all our heart because we love God. Out of our love for Him, we obey His will for us to be generous. Our worries in life should not hinder us from giving. Instead, we should seek God first and He will take care all of our needs (**Matthew 6:33–34**).

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The issue here is not really about money, the issue here is whether we take Jesus to really be our Lord and recognize that He owns us.

DILIGENTLY GIVE

How we take care of God's resources is a reflection of our life's view of God. Whatever small thing entrusted to us, we need to be faithful to the Lord. If we are faithful with small things, God can also trust us with greater things (**Luke 16:10-11**).

If we want to please God, we should give diligently. This involves being accountable with the resources which God has entrusted to us. As good stewards of these resources, we should use and grow it well like the wise servants in the Parable of the Talents (**Matthew 25:19-30**).

Where our treasure is, there our heart is also. If our treasure is in the wrong place, our hearts will also be in the wrong place. Our treasure is something we are working hard for to have and to keep, something we are willing to die for.

Jesus Christ left the comfort of heaven, came to this world and died for us because we are His treasured possession. He did this so we would truly understand how important we are to Him. Once we understand the love that comes from God, every time we see God on the cross, we will understand that love counts no cost.

We can never out give God. We will always find the faithful to be entrusted with more. The wealth and treasures of this world will always be a burden to us, unless our lives and our treasures have Jesus as Lord.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

- 1. Seek Ye.** Where do you see radical giving in **Matthew 6:31-34**? What is God's promise in the passage?
- 2. Who Owns.** Does God own you? Have you surrendered everything to God? Briefly share your answer.
- 3. Radical Giving.** Which aspect of G.O.D. are you currently being challenged? What are the things you intend to do in order to practice radical generosity in giving?

WORKS

CLOSET INVENTORY

Being diligent in giving requires managing our resources wisely and having only the necessary things so that we have more room to give. We are stewards of God's resources and channels of His blessings. He guides us what to do with His resources and can use us to bless others.

Take an inventory of your household stuff, from your closets, cabinets, boxes, etc. then decide to give away the stuff that you and your family have not been using for the past year or so. Pray for giving privileges as you do this closet inventory this week.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends