



Pastor Kelli Wommack "Our Generous God" 11/7/2021

Key Verses:

- Deuteronomy 34:4-5

Key Thoughts:

- There are two mindsets: scarcity or abundance. Abundance believes that there's enough to go around. Scarcity is characterized by lack. The difference between these mindsets are not about how we view the world, but about how we view God.
- **The foundation of a generous life is believing that our God is a generous God.** We can't begin to think about being generous ourselves without first acknowledging that God is a generous God.

God's Generosity:

- Gift of life in creation (*Genesis 1:31-2:2; Genesis 2:7*)
 - Life itself is a gift.
 - The enemy causes Adam and Eve to believe that God might have been withholding something from them. However, when God doesn't give us something, he's often doing it for our protection.
- Gift of covenant relationship (*Genesis 17:1-8*)
 - Right after this promise we see the scarcity mindset from Abraham. He doesn't have any children at this point. Would God do what he said he'd do? Could God be trusted? Is he a person of his word?
 - Abundance says that God will honor his covenant because he can be trusted.
- Gift of Jesus and eternal life (*Isaiah 9:6; John 3:16*)
 - Jesus coming to earth and his sacrificial death was a gift from God.
 - The ultimate expression of God's love is in Jesus' death on the cross. For God so loved the world that he gave Jesus.
- Gift of the Holy Spirit (*Romans 5:5; Ephesians 1:13-14*)
 - The Holy Spirit can teach us to trust the generosity of God like Jesus did. Having an abundance mindset will help you see opportunities for generosity everywhere.
 - When you've experienced the gift of what God has done, you will want to share what God has given you.

Our Invited Response:

- Gratitude (*Luke 17:11-19; 1 Chronicles 29:10-18[MSG]*)
 - The one leper realized that Jesus was the source of his healing and he had to show his gratitude.
- Generosity (*Luke 6:35-38*)
 - Think: "God has been so generous to me that I want to give to others."



- The Bible talks a lot also about the goodness of God – Exodus 34:6, Psalm 145:9, James 1:17, Matthew 7:11, Psalm 27:13, Psalm 145:5-7, Psalm 34:8, Psalm 107:8-9, Psalm 31:19-20, Romans 11:33-36, Luke 15:20-24, Psalm 23:6

Discussion Questions:

- Do you believe that God is a generous God to you personally? Why or why do you not struggle with this?
- How does your view of God affect your own generosity?
- Are you willing to surrender your life (time, talents, treasure) to give God everything? What does this look like for you practically?