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**Day 1: I Give Generously**

Review the video for this session.



**Engage**

Read [Mark 12:41–44](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mk12.41-44).

**Consider**

Jesus watched as the crowds gave their offerings. We’re not sure why He was doing that. Perhaps it was to teach His followers about giving. Maybe He had just given and was simply observing everything around Him. Either way, He gave a great lesson on giving.

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| **QUESTION**  In what ways did Jesus described the woman who gave in the offering? How did He describe the large crowd that was gathered to give? |

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| **QUESTION**  What do you think this suggests about the widow’s attitude when it came to trusting God to meet her needs? |

**Reflect**

It appears many in the crowd gave greater amounts of money in the offerings, yet Jesus said the widow gave more.

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| **QUESTION**  Why do you suppose Jesus said the widow gave more than the rich people? |

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| **QUESTION**  What are some lessons you believe Jesus wants you to learn from this story? |

**Activate**

Have you ever made a sacrifice when it came to how much you gave in an offering? Consider giving an amount to your church, youth group, missions, or local ministry that is more than you’ve ever given. Stretch your faith to trust God with your finances.

**Pray**

Gracious God, thank You for giving Your Son and sacrificing for us. Teach us how to give generously of our talents, time, and treasure. Help us to trust in You as the widow did. Speak to Your followers and challenge us all to sacrifice in order to build Your kingdom. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

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**Day 2: Avoid This at All Costs**

**Engage**

Read [Matthew 6:1–4](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt6.1-4).

**Consider**

Jesus is speaking to the crowds in these verses, which are part of what is referred to as the Sermon on the Mount. It’s here that He gives us instruction on what it means to be a part of His kingdom. In these specific verses, He’s addressing our giving.

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| **QUESTION**  What do these verses say we should avoid doing in front of others? |

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| **QUESTION**  Why do you think Jesus said to give our gifts in private? |

**Reflect**

Note that Jesus said “when” rather than “if” as He discussed giving to the needy.

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| **QUESTION**  What does this suggest about our responsibility to give to those in need? |

**Activate**

Take a moment to pray and ask God to help you truly see those in need and to give you a heart for the poor and needy.

**Pray**

Gracious Father, help me to be someone who not only sees those in need, but gives to those in need as You lead me. Please give me the resources to bless others, and help me to be wise with what I have so that I can share more. Amen.

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**Day 3: A Lesson from Birds**

**Engage**

Read [Matthew 6:19–34](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt6.19-34).

**Consider**

In this passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus shared insights on storing treasures on earth compared to in heaven.

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| **QUESTION**  What does Jesus say about our treasures? |

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| **QUESTION**  What is the lesson we learn from the birds? |

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| **QUESTION**  What does verse [33](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt6.33) say should be our highest priority? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  Is it difficult for you to trust God with all your needs? Why or why not? |

**Activate**

Continue to memorize [Matthew 6:33](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt6.33) this week. Write it out on a card or put it in your phone as a reminder each day. Read it throughout the week as a reminder of how we should live as Jesus’ followers.

**Pray**

Father God, help me to see Your kingdom first. Help me to store treasure in heaven, to not worry about things here on earth, to serve You, and to not be enslaved to money. Amen.

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**Day 4: Sheep and Goats?**

**Engage**

Read [Matthew 25:31–46](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt25.31-46).

**Consider**

Jesus not only challenged us to care for others, but He showed us His heart in these verses as well. We can offer care that pleases Him through giving of treasure, talents, and time.

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| **QUESTION**  What did the sheep (righteous people) do and give for those in need? |

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| **QUESTION**  Who does Jesus challenge us to serve and give to? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  Why do you think Jesus cares so much for those in need? |

**Activate**

This week, get together with a church leader or parent. Talk to him or her about a way you can do something kind for someone in need this week. This could be a one-time action, or it could be a new, ongoing activity.

**Pray**

Dear Jesus, You are a giving God. I ask that You open my eyes to people in need and see others as You see them. Give me the right opportunity to give to the hungry, sick, and others often overlooked. In Your mighty name I pray. Amen.

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**Day 5: Don’t Cheat!**

**Engage**

Read [Malachi 3:8–12](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mal3.8-12).

**Consider**

God asks us to tithe in gratitude for His provision and protection. A tithe is 10 percent of our income to be given for His work.

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| **QUESTION**  How did the people in these verses cheat God? |

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| **QUESTION**  What did God promise to those who bring in the tithe? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  How has your attitude changed over this past week regarding giving your treasure, time, and talents for God? |

**Activate**

Begin tithing to your church. Or if you’re already tithing, consider giving above and beyond as someone who is generous in giving. If you don’t have a regular income, determine to tithe when you do receive an income. It may be from chores, babysitting, or doing yard work.

**Pray**

Father, I admit it’s a bit of a challenge to make such a commitment to give a tithe, but I determine from this point on to give at least 10 percent to build Your kingdom. Increase my faith to do so and use my tithe to make an impact! In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.