

Westwood Life Groups - A Place to Belong & A Place to Grow

Life Group Leaders & Meeting Times (groups with a * meet at the Westwood building):

***11:45** - David Britton

***1:00**-Bob Deason

1:30 - Terry Boyd & Tim Deason

6:00-Byron Chambers, Tim Jennings **6:00** - *Jimmy Priestley, John Hanson, Ken Beck, Rudie Thomsen, *Mike Garrison, Brad Hillis, *Kelly Hillis

(PLEASE, CALL IN ATTENDANCE TO CHURCH OFFICE)

Beliefs that Matter, #9 ***Generosity***

- So often when we come to the subject of generosity in the church, we think about money. That's all we think about- money- how much- what is the amount?
- And it is so easy for us when we focus on the truth of generosity to get so hung up on the concept of money that we never see the real thing that God wants to talk to us about.
- And the real thing that God wants to teach us as He brings us face to face with principles of generosity is the fact that what we do with our money reflects where our heart is as far as God is concerned.
- **Matthew 6:19-21.**

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- **1 Chron. 29:10-19**
- King David had a generous spirit. He knew that everything in his control was a gift from God, so he knew he was giving God only such things as were his already!
- So there was no trace of a selfish, begrudging spirit in what he did. And his personal example of generosity surely encouraged the great outpouring of gifts that came from the rest of the people.
- Humility, gratitude, joy, and obedience were/are demonstrated by generosity.

"Do We Have to _____?"

- Leviticus 27:30
- Malachi 3:6-12
- Matthew 23:23
- 2 Corinthians 9:7
- **REMEMBER:** Percentage formulas won't produce larger gifts. Only a generous heart can do that.

Close...

- Generosity is not an amount but a spirit (**Luke 21:1-4; Mark 14:1-9**).
- Selfish people *are* paupers, and generous souls are spiritual millionaires.

Westwood Church of Christ
Sunday Morning
September 24, 2017

Life Group Questions
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1. We noted this morning that, *“Neither selfishness nor generosity is primarily about money.”* Explain that.
2. What is the primary message Jesus is teaching us in Matthew 6:19-21?
3. Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-19. Consider the attitude of David (and the people) from verse 14. What does this tell you about David and what principle does it teach us?
4. Discuss the tithing law of the Old Testament (Leviticus 27:30-33; Numbers 18:21-28; Malachi 3:6-12).
5. What does the New Testament teach concerning our attitudes toward generosity? (2 Corinthians 9:7; 2 Corinthians 8:5)
6. Why do “percentage formulas” NOT produce larger gifts?
7. What do the two stories we closed with this morning (Luke 21:1-4; Mark 14:1-9) teach us concerning the truth that *“generosity is not an amount but a spirit.”*