



PART 5: LIVE GENEROUS

Today's "You'll Be Glad You Did" advice is to live generous. And that is different from living generously. All of us know how to **be** generous in the moment. The tension comes from knowing how to **live** generous.

Without a plan on how to live generous, we typically become a triple S giver:

- Spontaneous
- Sporadic
- Sparing

CONNECT

Growing up, what was your family's relationship with money? How has that shaped the way you view money?

LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Watch the full message sometime this week as a reminder of what you talked about today.

APPLY

After sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. Asking "What are you grateful for?" and "What breaks your heart?" are two helpful questions to consider as you decide where to give. Does your generosity reflect your answer to those two questions?
2. In the video Andy says, "Unexpressed gratitude is ingratitude."
 - a. Have you experienced this with a boss, co-worker, or family member? Are there people in your life that you have not expressed gratitude to?
 - b. In the video, Andy talked about giving to organizations you are grateful for, like your local church. Do you agree that it is important to give in order to show your gratitude? Why or why not?
3. Read **1 Chronicles 29:11-12**. Would your relationship with money change if you viewed yourself as a steward of the resources God has given? If yes, how?
4. How would orienting your finances around "give first, save second, live on the rest" impact the way you approach your money?





BEFORE NEXT TIME

During the next week, look at your actual expenses over the last month and, using the list below, estimate what percentage of your money went into each category.

1. Spend it. _____ %
2. Repay debt. _____ %
3. Pay taxes. _____ %
4. Save it. _____ %
5. Give it. _____ %

Now add up each category and graph it.

Me (1, 2, and 4) _____ %

The Government (3) _____ %

Others (5) _____ %



Does your spending reflect your desire to live generous? If not, sit down and make a plan so that you can live generous. If you don't currently give regularly to your local church, consider making that a part of your plan.

PRAY

As a group, take a moment to sit with your hands open, palms up, as a physical reminder when you pray to release all of your resources back to God. Have someone pray and ask God to help you surrender anything in the financial realm that you've been holding onto tightly. Release your financial resources to him and ask him to teach you how to put him first with your livelihood.

