



GLAD & SINCERE HEARTS



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Part 3 - The Generosity of Our Church **January 21, 2024**

Think of someone you know who is generous. Does the title of the sermon series, “Glad and Sincere Heart” apply to them?

Read Proverbs 11:24-25

- Pastor Ted said, “A generous giver stewards resources from the Lord to bless others.” What is the difference between stewarding and owning?
- We should have a “loose grip” on things. Is there anything, such as Ted’s fly-fishing rod, that you are holding onto too tightly?
- What sparks generosity in you?

The four ways WHFC practices generosity are listed below. As you discuss these practices, consider that they apply corporately and individually.

1 - We give collectively. Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-3 and 2 Corinthians 9:7.

- Paul encouraged regular, intentional giving. How does this approach to giving provide freedom when compared to giving based on emotional appeals from people/ organizations?

2 - We meet the needs of others. Read Acts 4:32-35.

- Meeting the needs of others is God’s grace at work. How does meeting the physical, relational, and emotional needs of people allow us to illustrate the free and unmerited favor of God?

3 - We support ministries and missionaries preaching the Good News of Jesus.

Read Philippians 4:14-18.

- Paul commended the Philippians for their generosity and sacrificial giving which helped him share the Gospel with others. Should hearing the Gospel also prompt us to share it with others and give to those who are reaching others we cannot?

4 - We give secretly. Read Matthew 6:1-6.

- How are giving and praying “practicing your righteousness”?
- Jesus states giving and praying should be done without fanfare and “your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.” If you have experienced this type of reward, how?

When discussing the personal challenges below keep in mind, “It’s not what you do with the millions you’ve not but what you do with the dollar and quarter you’ve got.”

- If you have never participated in the offering, will you start this month with something?
- If you already give, are you giving sacrificially?