



SPIRITUAL HABITS

SERMON: SPIRITUAL HABITS - GENEROSITY

PREACHER: DAKOTA ADAIR | DURATION: 60 MINUTES

LEADER PREP

READ BEFORE GROUP

THE BIG IDEA:

Generosity isn't about having enough — it's about trusting enough.

THE GOAL:

To help participants examine whether their relationship with money is shaped more by fear or by faith, and to move toward joyful, surrendered generosity rooted in the gospel.

POTENTIAL "WRONG TURNS":

- **Money Sensitivity Warning:** This discussion involves finances, giving, and the tithe. Some participants may feel defensive, ashamed, or skeptical — especially if they've experienced church hurt related to money. Keep the tone invitational, not confrontational. Avoid pressuring people for amounts or specifics. Redirect debates about percentages back to the heart posture emphasized in 2 Corinthians 8.
- **Theological Guardrail:** Avoid drifting into prosperity theology ("If you give, God will make you rich"). The sermon grounds generosity in grace and surrender, not guaranteed financial return.

Your role is to facilitate heart reflection — not financial auditing.

THE HOOK

10 MINUTES

ICEBREAKER:

What's the most generous thing someone has ever done for you — whether big or small — that you still remember? (Encourage storytelling. Keep it light and warm.)

CONNECTION:

Pastor Dakota began by reflecting on how, when someone passes away, we don't talk about their stuff — we talk about their stories. Generosity tends to be one of the things people remember most. **What do generous people leave behind that material things never could?**

THE BOOK | TEXT

15 MINUTES

READ: 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-5

QUESTIONS:

- In verse 1, why does Paul start with grace before mentioning generosity?
 - How would the passage feel different if he didn't?
- In verse 2, what stands out about the combination of affliction, poverty, joy, and generosity?
 - What feels surprising or paradoxical?
- In verses 3-4, what words describe their attitude toward giving?
 - What does this reveal about willingness versus pressure?
- In verse 5, what did they give first?
 - Why does that order matter?

THE LOOK | SERMON

15 MINUTES

A QUOTE TO DISCUSS:

"Generosity isn't about having enough. It's about trusting enough."

A SERMON POINT TO KEY IN ON:

Generosity begins with grace. *"They gave themselves first to the Lord."* (v. 1)

DIG DEEPER:

Dakota described two forces fighting for the throne of the heart:

- Faith that God will provide
- Fear that we must protect ourselves

Where do you see fear shaping the way our culture thinks about money? How does that compare to Paul's description of the Macedonians?

THE TOOK | APPLICATION

15 MINUTES

HEAD:

What belief about God would need to grow stronger in you for generosity to feel freeing instead of frightening?

HEART:

When you think about giving generously, what emotion rises first — fear, resistance, joy, skepticism, something else? What might that reveal about what you trust most?

HANDS:

Dakota said generosity is formation, not fundraising. What is one concrete step you could take this month to practice intentional generosity — whether financial, time, or hospitality — that would stretch your trust in God?



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WHAT'S COMING UP
MAKE SURE YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP KNOWS ABOUT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!



MEN'S GATHERING | SAT FEB 28
9-11AM | Flying Armadillo Disc Golf Club



WOMEN'S GATHERING | SUN MARCH 1
3-5PM | Cora Jackman Donaldson House



NEW HERE NIGHT | SUN MARCH 8
5-7PM | Ben and Allyson Root's House

SCAN THE QR CODES TO SIGN UP FOR THESE EVENTS