



More Than a Moment: A Life of Generosity

Luke 10:25-37

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BIG IDEA

This week begins a short series titled *"Lord Help Me to Be Generous."* True generosity goes beyond momentary kindness—it springs from a heart transformed by Christ. In Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan, we discover that generosity is more than giving money; it's about offering our time, compassion, and soul to others. Whether we're rescuing someone in crisis or simply slowing down to care, generosity is Christ's love in action. What we are committed to reveals who we truly are.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan in response to a question: *"What shall I do to inherit eternal life?"* He points to the greatest commandment—love God and love your neighbor. Then he tells a story that turns expectations upside down, showing that true generosity is sacrificial, willful, and deeply compassionate.

Luke 10:25-37 (ESV)

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?"

²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

²⁸ And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."



MAIN THEME

Generosity isn't a one-time act—it's a lifestyle rooted in love for God and others. The Samaritan's actions weren't convenient or expected, but they revealed his heart. As followers of Jesus, we're called to go beyond words and show compassion in costly, meaningful ways. True generosity takes courage, compassion, and commitment. And when we live that way, we reflect the love of Christ to a watching world.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

1. What Are You Committed To?

Luke 10:25–29

- Why do you think the lawyer asked, “Who is my neighbor?”
- What does it reveal about his heart—and about ours?
- How do your daily choices reflect your true commitments?
- What distractions pull you away from a life of generosity?

2. Generosity in Action

Luke 10:30–35

- What stands out to you about the Samaritan's response?
- In what ways was his generosity costly—emotionally, physically, financially?
- How does this challenge you to love people more sacrificially?

3. Becoming a True Neighbor

Luke 10:36–37

- What do you think it means to “go and do likewise”?
- Who is someone in your life who may need your time, attention, or help right now?
- How can you practice soul-deep generosity this week?

PRAY

Jesus, thank you for showing us what true generosity looks like. You gave everything for us. Help us to follow your example—loving our neighbor not just with words, but with real compassion and action. Teach us to give our time, our hearts, and our resources to others. Make generosity a way of life in us. May our love reflect yours, and may we never grow weary of doing good. Amen.

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For further study this week:

- **Galatians 6:9-10** – Do not grow weary in doing good
- **James 1:22** – Be doers of the word, not hearers only
- **1 John 3:16-18** – Let us love not in word or talk, but in deed
- **Matthew 6:21** – Where your treasure is, there your heart will be
- **Proverbs 11:25** – A generous person will prosper

NEXT WEEK'S BIG IDEA

Lord, help me to be generous with my talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

