

"What limits, if any, are there to the Command Jesus gave His disciples ..

"Give and it shall be given unto you?"

Briefly share with the group your experiences of the generosity of people in your life.

DISCUSSION POINT

It has been said that Generosity starts at Home..."

What was your experience of Generosity in your family life and what would you do differently.

1. Generosity is personal and private

"But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. (Matthew 6:3, 4 NLT)." What do you see as the biggest challenge to your personal generosity?

2. Generosity is a long term investment. Read and discuss:

"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. (Matthew 6:19-21 NLT)

DISCUSSION POINT

What do you typically spend the most Time and Money on?

What informs your current priorities and would you most like to change about your spending patterns?

3. Generosity is a service rendered to our True Master. How does this compare to our modern day experience? What is the greatest pressure and temptation facing the believer?

"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. (Matthew 6:24 NLT)

Reflect: What is our more likely response to those who request money from us...Generosity or Fear? How can we change? What does it mean to be Big Hearted People?

4. Generosity is our First Priority. Discuss:

"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. (Matthew 6:24, 31-33 NLT).

Ps Jack Hanes (former Director of ACC Missions) has made the powerful statement and policy that

"We ought to make Jesus last Command our First Priority". What was this last command?

For further personal reflection:

Let your policy on spending be a reflection about your belief about what's truly valuable in the Kingdom and also in the eyes of our King, Jesus.