

SERMON-BASED STUDY: MORE THAN ENOUGH, WEEK 3

Proverbs 3:5-10, ESV – ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. ⁷ Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. ⁸ It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. ⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 Looking at Proverbs 3:5-10, what does the author mean by, "trust in the Lord" and "do not lean on your own understanding"?
- 2 In what ways does the head determine your heart's affections/motivations and your hands actions?
- 3 Does your current understanding of God draw you closer to Him and cause you to be more excited and trusting? If yes, how so? If not, why not?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **Luke 10:33-35, ESV** – 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.’

4 What lesson can we learn about generosity from the Samaritan’s example? Share a time when you have been spontaneous with your generosity?

B **Isaiah 32:6-8, ESV** – ⁶ For fools speak foolishness and make evil plans. They practice ungodliness and spread false teachings about the Lord. They deprive the hungry of food and give no water to the thirsty. ⁷ The smooth tricks of scoundrels are evil. They plot crooked schemes. They lie to convict the poor, even when the cause of the poor is just. ⁸ But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity.

5 What are some differences between the way a fool plans and a generous person plans? What does this say about the condition of their heart?

C **Mark 12:41-44, ESV** – ⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

6 Why was the widow in the passage above so sacrificial with what she had? What would it take for you to sacrificially give?

D **Acts 20:32-35, ESV** – ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

7 According to the passage above, what was the example that Paul was setting for other believers? Why is this such an important lesson?

TAKING IT HOME

God has given us clear expectations when it comes to being generous. We are to be spontaneous, strategic, sacrificial, and steadfast in our generosity. How are you doing in this area of worship? What are your next steps in being a generous person? Share with your group or accountability partner what God is speaking to you today. Pray for one another as you look to be generous givers.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Deuteronomy 14:22-23
Ecclesiastes 5:10
Matthew 6:24
Luke 6:38
1 Timothy 6:17-19
Hebrews 13:5