

# JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY

Matthew 6:1-4

## What is generosity?

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous... 1 Timothy 6:18

## It is not people pleasing...“our addiction”

### Actors

Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. Matthew 6:1

### Script

So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. Matthew 6:2

Who we are | ————— | • What we say/how we live  
Gap  
• People's expectations  
• Religion

### Audience

So when you give to the needy, do not **announce it with trumpets**, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, **do not let your left hand know what your right hand** is doing. Matthew 6:2-3

- Others
- Yourself

Stand out when you are tempted to hide

Matthew 5:16

Hide when tempted to stand out

Matthew 6:1-3

## It is pleasing God...“change your audience”

So that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Matthew 6:4

## Live fearlessly in God's love

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness  
no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another;  
they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—  
and I will meditate on your wonderful works. Psalm 145: 3-5  
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## Throw away the world's script...be authentic

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.  
Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2

## Our journey to generosity

### God will supply all your needs

1 Kings 17

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4:19

A | ————— | B —————> C

Which kind of idiot?

- Malachi 3:10
- Ephesians 3:20
- Mark 10:29-30

## Generosity reveals the true condition of your heart

...I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God...offerings that cost me nothing... 2 Samuel 24:24

## It takes big faith to give small gifts

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others.” Luke 21:1-3