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Bible Study – September 21, 2016 SIMPLE WAYS TO PRACTICE GENEROSITY

Proverbs 11:24-25

"Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water."

2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

QUESTIONS

- 1. What does it mean to be a 'cheerful' giver?
- 2. Why is giving so important?
- 3. Aside from monetary assistance, what are some ways you can help others?
- 4. Why are we sometimes reluctant to help others?

Perhaps one of the most amazing and endearing stories in the bible of generosity is found in the story of the Good Samaritan; Luke 10:25-37.

There are very few people who don't like the idea of generosity. We are indeed a species that loves to help others and confront needs when we see them. Unfortunately, there are also very few people who are content with the level of generosity in their lives. Most people I know wish they were able to give more and do more. And while there are a number of reasons that this may be the case... sometimes the best solution may be the simplest.

To that end, there are a number of simple steps that we can take to make generosity more intentional in our lives.

If you have never given of yourself, this would be a great way to get started. For others it may be about raising the level of generosity in your life. Hopefully these steps with prove helpful.

1.	CONSIDER THE	 OF GENEROSITY		
2.	EMBRACE			

10. EXAMINE YOUR				
9. SPEND TIME WITH	IN		-	
8. FIND A PERSON YOU	IN			
7. LET YOUR		YOU		
5. GIVE6. DIVERT ONE SPECIFIC				
4. PRACTICE RANDOM	OF			
3. START REALLY				