

July 30, 2023 - 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 - Generosity

Connect:

What does the word GENEROSITY mean and/or look like to you?

When was a time that a generous act by others impacted you or your life?

When we reflect on generosity, how does conventional wisdom differ from Kingdom wisdom?

Engage:

Read 1: Corinthians 16:1-4

How does generosity and tithing show unity among believers to those who are unbelievers?

Why is both systematic giving and generosity important?

How does a believer's generosity demonstrate faithfulness?

Chris shared that the word for gifts in this text is "charis" which means grace. He stated that guilt doesn't promote giving but grace does! Why and how does the redemptive grace that has been poured out for you, as a believer, encourage you to be generous with others?

Read Malachi 3:10 and Luke 12:27

Chris spoke on the Old Testament command of the systematic tithe of at least 10% and then examples in the New Testament of generosity and giving. Do you find it challenging to trust God in matters of finance? If so, why?

How can we grow in our trust of God's faithfulness in the matters of money and generosity?

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19

In the call to generosity God doesn't want something FROM you. He wants something FOR you. Chris shared the following quote by Tony Evans: "Denial makes me think I'm not rich even when I am. And denial makes me think I'm generous even when I'm not". What does this quote reveal?

What are some ways we are tempted to believe that we aren't rich?

In what ways may we be misleading ourselves concerning the nature of our generosity?

Apply

Last week, we looked at "Christ the firstfruits" from the dead. In what ways are we called to give our firstfruits to God?

What prevents or holds you back from being generous or giving your firstfruits?

What are some ways you can break through these obstacles to jump into the generous life that God has FOR you.

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Group Kick-off and Registration: August 13: A day set aside to share the biblical calling and vision FC has for intentional community and for inviting friends and community members into the body of believers here.

Serve: Serve Teams are your way to serve and lead at Fondren Church. God has given you a unique gifting and those gifts can help strengthen the church. How are you looking to serve and lead? Sign up at fondrenchurch.com/serve.

About Fondren: Sunday, August 20, following both services. Join us in the Breezeway Room for a brief time to learn what we're all about as a church. It is your place to meet people, ask questions, and let us know your interests. Also a great time to invite friends or community members that might be interested in learning more about F/C. At this event, you'll get an overview of key areas of our church and ways for you and others to get involved.