



## Week 2: What is Generosity?

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### Discussion Questions

1. In what ways does the widow's offering challenge our assumptions about generosity and what "counts" as significant in God's eyes? (Mark 12:41–44)
2. How does viewing generosity as a proportion rather than an amount reshape how you think about giving from your own resources?
3. Paul reminds us that Jesus became poor so that we might become rich (2 Corinthians 8:9). How does Christ's self-giving love shape your understanding of sacrificial generosity?
4. What intentional practice could you adopt this month (e.g., percentage giving, simplifying spending, or sponsoring a child) to align your financial life more closely with God's economy of generosity?



## Recommended Resources

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- [Love Your Life, Not Theirs](#), by Rachel Cruze
- [Kingdom Stewardship](#), by Tony Evans
- [Money, Possessions, and Eternity](#), by Randy Alcorn
- [Redeeming Money: How God Reveals and Reorients Our Hearts](#), by Paul David Tripp

## Organizations

- Crown Financial Ministries - [crown.org](http://crown.org)

## Calculators

- Debt Reduction Explanation - [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com)
- Debt Snowball Worksheet - [daveramsey.com](http://daveramsey.com)
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