

<u>Help</u>ful

WEEK 3 DISCUSSION GUIDE

OVERVIEW

In our third and final message entitled, *Living On Full*, we will discuss how to enjoy the supernatural blessing of God and grow in our generosity.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

When we have an **eye** for generosity, we go around and ask, "God, who can I bless?" Remember—we are blessed to be a blessing.

THREE TYPES OF EYES

1. The Spontaneous Eye

A great example of a spontaneous giver can be found in the story about the Samaritan who came across an injured man. Luke 10:35 says, "On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you." The Samaritan was generous and spontaneously met a need when he saw it.

 Can you recall a time when you had a spontaneous eye for blessing someone else? What was the outcome for the person you helped and yourself?

2. The Strategic Eye

A giver with a strategic eye says, "I am going to plan to be generous." **Isaiah** 32:8 says, "But a generous man devises generous things, and by generosity he shall stand." Those with a strategic eye for giving plan and devise. They ask themselves how they can maximize the blessing they are to others.

 Have you ever asked yourself how you could be more generous? If so, what was the result?

3. The Sacrificial Eye

Sacrificial giving goes deep and moves the heart of God. A person can be wealthy and sacrificial or of little means and be sacrificial. The following account in **Mark 12:41-44** tells of a widow who demonstrated sacrificial giving:

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling His disciples to Him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything-all she had to live on."

Often, when people are in their greatest need, they stop planting seed through giving. That's illogical in God's economy. In our time of need, always sow a seed.

- What stops us from being generous in a time of need? Why does this contradict God's economy?
- Of the three kinds of giving–spontaneous, strategic and sacrificial–which one do you see as the most challenging? Why?

LIFE CHALLENGE

In God's economy if you sow, you will reap; when you give, you will be blessed. Our enemy, Satan, cannot stop the blessings of God. What is God asking you to sow and give?

PRAYER REQUESTS & CLOSE IN PRAYER