

**Course Correction for 2021**  
***Lies about Generosity***

**Foundational Truth: *All that I have comes from the hand of God***

James 1:16-18

**Lie #1                    I don't have enough to be generous.**

→ **Truth:** *Generosity is not defined by how much you give, but by how much you have left over.* Mark 12:41-44

**Lie #2                    God intended all His blessings to be for me.**

→ **Truth:** *God's wants you to not only enjoy your blessings but also to share them.* 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Genesis 12:1-3

**Lie #3                    I am fearful that I won't have enough if I am generous.**

→ **Truth:** *God will supply all your NEEDS in Christ Jesus*  
Philippians 4:10-20; Hebrews 13:5-6

**Discussion Regarding Tithing**

**Book Recommendation: *The Treasure Principle* by Randy Alcorn**

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***Digging Deeper into the Lies about Generosity***

**Ice Breaker:** Jesus is quoted as saying “*It is more blessed to **give** than to **receive***” (Acts 20:35). Do you think this is the perspective of most Christians today? Is it your perspective?

1. Let’s be reminded of the foundational truth regarding everything we have. Look up **James 1:16-18** before we start discussing the lies we might believe about generosity.
2. Discuss each lie and the truth remedy along with the Scriptural support for each.

**Lie #1. I don’t have enough to be generous.**

**Truth:** *Generosity is not defined by how much you give, but by how much you have left over.*

Read Mark 12:41-44

→ Do you think that most of us are giving our of our abundance?

**Lie #2. God intended all His blessings to be for me.**

**Truth:** *God’s wants you to not only enjoy your blessings but also to share them.*

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10 & 17-19

→ Discuss the principle Tony suggested: **Share** equal or more than you **enjoy**. Does this sound burdensome or joyful?

**Lie #3. I am fearful that I won’t have enough if I am generous.**

→ **Truth:** *God will supply all your NEEDS in Christ Jesus*

Read Philippians 4:10-20; Hebrews 13:5-6

→ What does sacrificial giving look like today in a world that has categorized **everything as a need?**

→ What are the ramifications for generosity when informed by the truths of Hebrews 13:5-6?