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T or F: The Lord Jesus Christ wants all of His Followers to be generous givers.

- Because He wants us to be like Him!
- Because generosity is the way of life & blessing

*“One who is generous will be blessed.”*

Proverbs 22:9 NASB

*“Remembering the words, the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’”*

Acts 20:35b

- Because generosity opens us up to new workings of God

*“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”*

2 Corinthians 9:11

- Because generosity is a key means of putting & keeping God 1<sup>st</sup> in our life.

*“The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.”*

Deuteronomy 14:23b TLB

*“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”*

1 Timothy 6:17-19

## 2025 Vision:

Fox River will shine brightly as a City on a Hill, led by 4,000 active disciples, individual beacons of light sharing the transformational message and life changing power of Jesus with every family in our community as we welcome 2,000 new believers to faith by 2025.

*“Now about the collection for the Lord’s people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable for me to go also, they will accompany me.”*

1 Corinthians 16:1-4

*“This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. <sup>13</sup> Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.”*

2 Corinthians 9:12-13

*“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”*

2 Corinthians 9:8

*“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”*

1 Corinthians 15:58 NKJV

## Principled Instructions for Special Financial Initiatives

‘logeia’ – word for special offerings/collections

1. Systematic – Planned  
‘On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of every week’
2. Inclusive  
‘Each one of you’
3. Proportional  
‘In keeping with your income’

- Less than 10% give 10%
- More than 80% give < 2%

#### 4. Universal Principles

'Do what I told the Galatia churches to do'

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Which of the why's of why Jesus wants His followers to be generous givers resonates most with you?
2. How specifically has God blessed you? Do you consider yourself in the rich or I Timothy 6:17-19?
3. Have you ever participated in a special giving initiative before? What would you shar with a friend about it?