



# KEEP TALKING

The weekend doesn't have to end. Keep Talking with this week's guide.

## The Pattern | A Generous Life

Pastor Carl

**START TALKING** - Find conversations starters for the group or with a friend.

Can you recall a time when someone has been outrageously generous to you? What was it and how did you feel? How did you respond to it?

**KEEP READING** - Read the Scripture and ask a question to get the group thinking.

**Romans 12:9 - 13 (NIV); Proverbs 11:24 (The Message)**

- What stands out to you from reading Romans 12 and Proverbs 11 about generosity?
- The word 'Give' is mentioned 2161 times. Why do you think this is such a big theme through the Bible?

Pastor Carl shared three things from the book of Proverbs about the generous person. They are *happy* (Prv 11:25), *compassionate* (Prv 29:7), and *blessed* (Prv 22:9; 28:27).

- What should be the motivation of the person who is generous?
- What other things stand out to you about the life of a generous person?
- What should we do when we are further blessed as a result of being generous ?

**KEEP TALKING** - Choose questions to create openness.

The Apostle Paul says we "excel in many things" but should also "excel in the act of giving". Pastor Carl four ways we can be generous in a practical way:

1. Time
2. Talent
3. Touch
4. Treasure

- Is there one that you particularly excel in
- Which one do you feel like you could grow and excel in?
- Why are these four areas important and as you step out in them, how do they affect you? Are there others?
- What difference do these four areas make in the life of a recipient?

### **KEEP MOVING/GOING -Commit to a step and live it out this week.**

Generous isn't just something we do; it's a lifestyle we can live. As we do, we grow in our faith and journey with Jesus. What can you do this week to further understand the life of a generous person and what one thing can you do as an act of generosity with your time, talent, touch or treasure?

### **KEEP PRAYING**

- Pray for a spirit of generosity over one another LGCC. We are an incredibly generous church but may we be known for our generosity as we live a lifestyle of generosity.