



DEVOTED

GET STARTED

This week we are talking about generosity. **Would you consider yourself a generous person? In transparency and without condemnation, talk about why you do or why you don't believe you are generous or what prohibits you from being generous.**

TAKE IT IN

What encouraged and/or challenged you from the sermon this week? Why?

TALK IT OVER

- Acts 2:42 says, *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."* One way to look at devotion is to ask ourselves where we are spending most of our time, talents, and treasures. **With this in mind, discuss these questions:**
 - **Where do you spend most of your time?**
 - **In what ways do you use your talents and abilities?**
 - **How do you spend most of your money?**
- **Based on how you answered the previous questions, would you say that you are truly devoted to God? What is the evidence that you are?**
- We read in Acts 20:35 that, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."* **With generosity being a focus of this week's sermon, discuss how you feel when you give to others and how you feel when you receive from others?**
- Matthew 6:24 says, *"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money."* Sometimes, we can convince ourselves that we are not devoted to money, yet we continually strive for a better job (because it pays more money), a bigger house or nicer car (that costs more money), or more and better recreational activities such as a fishing boat, an RV, or nicer vacation spots (that cost money and are often needed because we took that higher paying but higher stress job, a second job, or more hours at work). **With that perspective, can you see how easy it is for people to be devoted to money without knowing it? How do we protect ourselves from falling into this trap?**

- **Read 2 Corinthians 9:7-8**

This portion of Scripture tells us that when we “cheerfully” give, God will provide all that we need. **Would you say that you have been a cheerful giver, a reluctant giver, or somewhere in between? Do you think that many people that give don’t give cheerfully and, consequently, miss out on the promises of God?**

LIVE IT OUT

Aaron challenged us in this weekend’s sermon to consider that generosity is a byproduct of our devotion to God. **In what ways in the weeks and months to come can you show generosity by giving of your time, talents, and treasures? Discuss some practical ways you can be generous in this season.**

Memorize:

“Wherever your treasure is, the desires of your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:21 (NLT)