

Feb 25.18 Core Value #7

Generosity is. . . .

According to Wikipedia, "Generosity is the virtue of being unattached to material possessions, often symbolized by the giving of gifts. Generosity is regarded as a virtue by various world religions, and is often celebrated in cultural and religious ceremonies."

Vocabulary.com defines generosity as "a quality that's a lot like unselfishness. Someone showing generosity is happy to give time, money, food or kindness to people in need."

- How do you personally define generosity?

Read Deuteronomy 15:1-11

- What was the point of debt cancellation? (v.4)

- How does a hard heart or a tight fist kill generosity? (v.7,9,10)

Note in this passage how generosity is to be extended on the other person's terms/needs, not on our terms (for our own benefit)

Read Proverbs 3:27-28

- What do these verses suggest about extending generosity/help according to our own convenience?

Read Luke 15:11-32

- The laws and culture of that day gave the father every right to cease any future dealings with his estranged son, let alone any acts of generosity. How did the father express generosity toward his son?

- How has God extended generosity toward you? (see Romans 5:6-8)

What practical things can you personally, and your Life Group, do to extend generosity toward someone?
