

Pre-Decide

When You Stop Holding Back Week Four

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

"... 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35 NIV

"Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. And I'll sit back and say to myself, 'My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!'" ' But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?' Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God." Luke 12:18-21 NLT

"But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity." Isaiah 32:8 NLT

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." Malachi 3:10 NIV

"All day long he [the lazy and selfish] craves and craves, but the righteous gives and does not hold back." Proverbs 21:26 ESV

Start talking

- What is your favorite Super Bowl commercial of all time?

Start thinking

- How have these words been true in your own life – *'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'* (Give an example)
- Which part of this message was the most impactful for you and why?

Start sharing about the two key points in the message today

- Generous people plan to be generous –
 - Do you have a specific budget or plan for your finances?
 - If so, how can your budget more effectively align with your values from week #1?
- Consider the joy of being outrageously generous –
 - What are some ways you feel led to be outrageously generous?

Start doing

- Read Isaiah 32:8 – What is your specific plan to be more generous? (Ex. Get finances under control in Dave Ramsey class, start a budget to align with values, begin tithing, make a plan to be outrageously generous, etc.)

Start praying

- *Father, You have been so generous to us. Please help us to be generous like you to others. In Jesus' name, amen.*