

generosity

Community Group Discussion Guide

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Week 2 | True Generosity
I Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

Introduction

Paul writes two letters to Timothy, one of the men he's chosen to carry on his work in the churches he began. In both of these letters he gives Timothy instructions on how to lead the churches he's been given oversight.

Paul speaks to several key issues, including the attitude we should have toward money. He speaks to this in I Timothy 6:6-10 and 17-19.

Read all of 1 Timothy 6 and then answer the following questions.

Questions for Study

1. Have you ever had the experience of having someone other than your parents give you money at a point of need in your life? If yes, what did this do for you? What impact did it have on your life?
2. What is your first memory of giving money to another person who was in need financially?
3. What questions come into your mind when you think of giving money to help another person or to support a ministry or to support Brookside?
4. How much would you say a person would need to make a year to be considered rich?
5. Fill in the blank... Earn \$ _____ a year and you're in the top one per cent of wage earners in the world.
6. In 1 Timothy 6:17, Paul commands the person who's rich to not do two things: They should not be _____ and they should not _____.

Why would he point out these two things to someone who's rich? Why might a rich person become arrogant? Why would someone be tempted to put their hope in wealth?

7. In verse 17 what does Paul command us to do? How does Paul's insight that God "richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment" give us reason to trust him with our finances?

8. Read verse 18. How would you define generosity?

Read Mark 12:41-44.

9. What do we learn about generosity from the key character in these verses?
10. What do we learn about giving that God values?
11. When would it be possible for a person to give 10% and not be generous?