



WEEK Seven:
Generosity
Matthew 23:23-25
Mark 10:45
2 Corinthians 9:6-7

A. The Jewish History of Generosity

- 1. The tithe belonged to God.
“Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord’s: it is holy to the Lord.”
Leviticus 27:30 (ESV)
- 2. The tithe supported the Levites’ ministry.
“To the Levites I have given every tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service that they do, their service in the tent of the meeting...For the tithe of the people of Israel, which they present as a contribution to the Lord, I have given to the Levites for an inheritance. Therefore I have said of them that they shall have no inheritance among the people of Israel.” Numbers 18:21, 24 (ESV)
- 3. The tithe provided for community care.
“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that He will choose, to make His name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always...And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.”
Deuteronomy 14:22-23, 29 (ESV)

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B. The Grafted-In Context of Generosity

- 1. The tithe is a faithful starting point, but not the finish line.
“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel! Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.” Matthew 23:23-25 (ESV)
- 2. The grafted-in tithe is about the posture of our hearts: willing, purposeful, and proportionate.
“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (ESV)
- 3. Christ’s self-giving is the deepest foundation for generosity.
“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45 (ESV)

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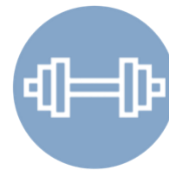
C. YOUR SPIRITUAL WORKOUT



1. GET STARTED
Take the first step
Challenge: Start small. Not everyone can lift 405 pounds right away. Most people need to start with the bar. Start being generous with SOMETHING.



2. COMMIT TO IT
Make it a habit
Challenge: Establish a consistent, recurring cadence of giving.



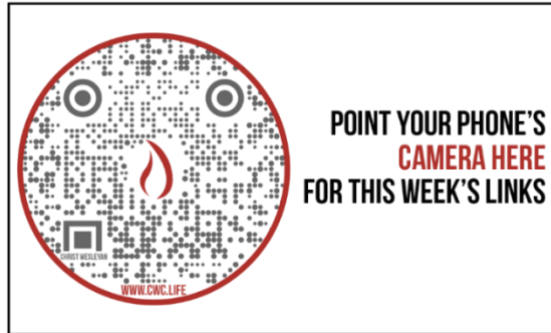
3. INCREASE INTENSITY
Go deeper
Challenge: Push past comfortable giving to evaluate the posture of your heart and increase your sacrifice.

Bottom Line:
Christian generosity must flow from love, mercy, repentance, and Christ’s self-giving.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...
Text: “Jesus” to 570-273-0088

Next Sunday:
Celebration Sunday!

Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 106.6%

Giving (year to date): 88.9% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,855

Salvations to date: 55 | Baptisms to date: 55

Upcoming Happenings:

September 13 – November 22 - Marriage Matters:
Intentionally Growing Healthy Relationships
(During First Service)

Friday, October 23rd – 6:30p Trunk or Treat!

Sunday, November 1st – Welcome Party, after 2nd service.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday November 12th, 13th, and 14th – Christ Wesleyan Theatre Productions Presents: The Secret Garden, The Musical. Get tickets today! (Online only)

Friday, November 20th – 7:00a Classics Bus Trip to NYC

“**Reach** the One” Campaign Update

489 Total Participants

\$4,000,000 – Giving Goal by Nov. 2027

\$2,678,231.61 - Donations Anticipated by Nov. 2027

\$2,369,469.19 - Received Donations – 59% of \$4M Goal

Want to pledge, donate, or learn more?

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Looking for your next step at CWC?

Welcome Party: 1st Sunday of Every Month

- *If you are new* or if you’ve been around a bit and are looking to build friendships with others, our Welcome Party is for you! **Get to know others** who are newer at CWC as well as our welcome team and our pastors in a relational environment. There will be light refreshments and the opportunity to hear about our small groups, baptism, and your next step of Growth Track. If you’re asking the question, “*How can I make friends here?*” then this is for you! No registration is required, you can just show up. Look for the signs on the first Sunday of the month.

Growth Track: 3-week classes/Sunday morning

- Growth Track exists to help you learn about the vision of CWC, the gifts God has given you, and how you can use them in specific opportunities to serve His church. This class will guide you to not only become a vital part of our ministries, but more importantly, how to use what you learn to continue growing in your faith to share with others. Our next Growth Track opportunity is coming up on November 8th at 9:00am in classroom 102A. You can see what classes are available by going to cwclife.churchcenter.com/registrations and select the Next Steps filter.

Membership Class: Once a quarter on Sundays after 2nd service

- Membership class is the last step of fully assimilating at CWC. Learn about our denomination, The Wesleyan Church and the bigger movement we are a part of across the world. This 3-hour class with the lead pastor provides you a place to **ask important questions about our beliefs as a church** and allows you to become eligible for our local board of administration. You also become eligible for denominational events like our district and general conferences. To sign up for our next class, let us know at the Hub or email: loretta.paulhamus@cwclife