

LIVE IT OUT!



Being Generous: The WHY

Conversation Goal

Identify this household's giving patterns and practices

Conversation #1

Our Household Identity and Story

Do your family members know how much you share and give of your financial wealth? With so many methods available to exchange currency, it is easy for the significance of giving to be overlooked and unknown to one another. Research shows children learn sound financial health and generosity when they see parents and significant adults model this as a priority in their lives.

If you do not already have an established pattern of giving, consider a conversation to discuss when and how you as a household might begin.

Key Question

Does each person in this household know how we share and are generous with what we have been given?

Discussion Prompts

- How does this household talk about money? What words do we use?
- Who decides how we distribute our money, especially related to regular giving?
- What is tithing? Do we do it? (Use the internet to look up the word and meaning)
- Do we support a church or institution of faith? Organizations or other causes?
- Do we have an emergency fund? Are we saving for college, vacation, house repairs, retirement, etc.?
- What are our household's essential expenditures for living? Which ones are Wants? Which ones are Needs?
- How much of our spending is influenced by advertising?
- Why do we share? Give?

God's Story Genesis 1:27-31a (CEV). "So, God created humans in God's own image; God made men and women. God gave them a blessing and said: Have a lot of children! Fill the earth with people and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, and every animal on the earth. I have provided all kinds of fruit and grain for you to eat. And I have given the green plants as food for everything else that breathes. These will be food for animals, both wild and tame, and for birds. God looked at all that was created. All of it was very good!"

Affirmation + Blessing

I am created in the image of a generous God. I give because I want to mirror a generous God.



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Action 1

These are the names or drawings of all the people and places that have been recipients of our generosity.



The Generosity Challenge

How many books do we own? Count them. What would it mean to give away 10 percent or buy that many new books for others? How hard would this be to do? Who needs books? To whom or where would we go to donate them?



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