

LESSON 9

OUTRAGEOUS GENEROSITY

KEY POINTS

- ✓ If we all became outrageously generous, we could completely change the landscape of America.
- ✓ God is a giver, and because we're made in His image, we are designed to be generous!
- ✓ God owns it all. We are just managers of His money.

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TRUE FINANCIAL PEACE

The _____ in financial peace comes from outrageous generosity.

“You cannot *shake hands*
with a clenched fist.”

— INDIRA GANDHI

GIVING CHANGES YOU

We are happiest and most fulfilled when serving
and _____.



A generous person will
prosper; whoever refreshes
others will be *refreshed.*

— PROVERBS 11:25 (NIV)

GENEROSITY COULD CHANGE AMERICA

If “we the people” increased our giving a _____ percentage points, we could do things like eradicate domestic hunger, fund adoption from foster care, and build hospitals.

ANSWER KEY

Peace
Giving
Few

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The tithe is a _____ of your increase.

The Bible says to give your tithe off the _____ (firstfruits).

The tithe goes to your local _____.

Offerings are above the tithe and are freely given
from _____.

OWNERS AND MANAGERS

God owns it all. We are just asset _____ for
the Lord.



The *earth* is the LORD's, and
the *fulness* thereof.

— PSALM 24:1 (KJV)

NOTES



ANSWER KEY

Tenth
Top
Church
Surplus
Managers

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DEBT FREEDOM

The Bible calls sin “debt,” but Jesus already paid that debt. The only thing you have to do to become debt-free is accept the gift.



For God so *loved* the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever *believes* in Him should not perish but have *everlasting life*.

— JOHN 3:16 (NKJV)



Give to look more **LIKE GOD**

Giving changes you. We're not trying to be mushy or corny—it's a fact. You see, God is the ultimate giver. And when we give, we start to look more like Him.

1 Chronicles 29:14 (NIV) says, "Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

Everything we have comes from God. He owns it all! When He asks us to give, it's not because He needs our money. **His goal is not to reshape economics. His goal is to reshape our hearts.**

When you give your money, your time and your talents to help and love other people, it doesn't change them as much as it changes you! And God's all about changing *you*. That's what this whole journey toward financial peace is about—changing you.

Remember, the *peace* in financial peace comes from outrageous generosity!

YOU SHOULD *always* BE A GIVER

BABY STEPS 1 2 3

In Baby Steps 1–3, you might only be giving a tithe to your local church.

BABY STEPS 4 5 6

In Baby Steps 4–6, you may have a little room in your budget to start giving offerings.

BABY STEP 7

By the time you hit Baby Step 7, you're giving from your surplus with outrageous generosity!

WAYS YOU CAN START GIVING

Jot down ideas about how you can start giving your money, time and talents today—no matter which Baby Step you're on!



MONEY

Budget a tithe (10% of your income off the top) to your local church.

Give a 100% (or more!) tip at a restaurant.



TIME

Volunteer to mentor a child in your community.

Sign up to serve at a local nonprofit or ministry you're passionate about.



TALENTS

Lend your skills and volunteer to help build a home.

Put your mechanical talents to work and help fix your neighbor's car.

DISCUSSION

Whether you're taking this class online or in person, be honest with your answers and remember to encourage one another!



Remember, no matter where you are in the Baby Steps, giving should be the priority in your budget! How has this lesson helped you better understand the reason this is so important?



Giving is the most fun you can have with money! How have you had fun with giving in the past? What's one way you want to be outrageously generous in the future?



What keeps you from giving as much as you'd like to give? How does this lesson help you work through that hang-up?



Whether you have a little or a lot, God owns it all! How does His ownership of everything affect the way you think about what He's given you to manage?

ACTION STEPS

It's time to live out what you just learned! Complete each of the Action Steps below.

GRATITUDE LEADS YOU TO CONTENTMENT

Whether you're on Baby Step 1 or 7, God has given you something to manage. Instead of chasing what's next, stop to practice **contentment** and thank God for what He's given you. In the space below, write three things you're thankful for!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

LOOK BACK AND THEN CHARGE AHEAD

No matter where you are in the Baby Steps, your life should already look different than it did before you started. In the space below, list the top three things you've learned and then list your *why*—**the reason you refuse to quit**. This is why you won't give up when things get tough and why you'll live like no one else so later you can live and *give* like no one else.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I will NOT give up, because _____

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JUST
THE**

Beginning