

# Generosity

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## LOVE IN ACTION.

Love = living for the benefit of others.

- My will = choose to improve the life of someone else
- My focus = on others & their benefit.
- My words = blessing and kindness
- My actions = using what I have available (time, energy, resources) – for their benefit. = **generosity.**

*Greater love has no one than this,  
That they lay down their life for their friends.*

John 15.13

Can you think of a time when someone was generous to you?

What impact did it make on you?

## COUNTER CULTURAL

In a culture of recession, to be generous is a prophetic declaration that you belong to a kingdom of hope.

In a culture of orphan-spirited poverty, to be generous is a prophetic declaration that you belong to a kingdom of abundance.

When we are generous – we impact lives & demonstrate the kingdom that we are part of.

Generosity demonstrates the **reality** of our faith.

*You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way,  
Which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.*  
2 Corinthians 9.11

*We are a planting of the Lord, for the display of His splendour*  
Isaiah 61.3

Our generosity is a **Display of God's nature**

*According to the riches of His grace, which he lavished upon us...*  
Eph 1.7b-8a

When were you last counter-culturally generous?

## **FREEDOM FROM SMALL MINDEDNESS**

A culture of generosity is;

- a culture of freedom & flow.
- A culture of higher ceilings and greater possibilities.

Prophetic word that CCF is called to be a **Bank**, with great resources to share with other churches. To keep on giving away.

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds.*  
Romans 12.2

*Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.*  
Colossians 3.2

*for those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.*  
Romans 8.5-6

Fear, insignificance, passivity, ..... [many more]  
– lead to **Small mindedness**

But our big brother is big minded.

- *I have overcome the world*
- *You will do greater things*
- *Go into all the world...*

He made you to have **Big influence**,  
to be a big fat blessing to this planet.

What ways have I become small minded?

& what caused that?