

Overflow: Cultivating a Generous Heart

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Bible Reading Plan
September 6-October 3, 2026

The Bible teaches that generosity is a condition of the heart when a person recognizes the overflowing goodness in their life. This overflowing goodness is the result of God's good creation and provision – not favorable circumstances – and thus it cannot be depleted even by unfavorable circumstances. Jesus gave his disciples ways to cultivate generous hearts through praise, love, stewardship, and service. Just as the human heart has four chambers, there are four types of generosity exhibited by Christ followers: 1) a heart of worship which seeks to praise God, 2) generosity of spirit – seeing others through the lens of grace and assuming each person is doing the best they know how (even if and when we can't trust their intentions are good), 3) generous giving – using our resources to worship God and bless others in need, and 4) generous serving with our time and talents in order to serve others.

Week of September 6	Week 1: Cultivating a Heart of Worship				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Col. 3:16, Psalm 22:22-23	Acts 13:1-3	2 Cor. 9:10-15	Hebrews 7:23-8:6	Psalm 100	Psalm 150

Week of September 13	Week 2: Cultivating a Generous Spirit				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Luke 6:43-45	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Matthew 18:21-35	Jonah 1	Jonah 2	Jonah 3-4

Week of September 20	<i>Week 3: Cultivating Generous Giving</i>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◦ Luke 19:1-10	◦ Luke 21:1-4	◦ Acts 4:36-37; 9:26-28	◦ John 12:1-8	◦ 2 Cor. 9:1-9	◦ Psalm 112

Week of September 27	<i>Week 4: Cultivating Generosity with Our Time & Talents</i>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◦ Acts 6:1-15; 7:54-60	◦ Esther 1:1-2:18	◦ Esther 2:19-3:15	◦ Esther 4	◦ Esther 5	◦ Esther 6-7