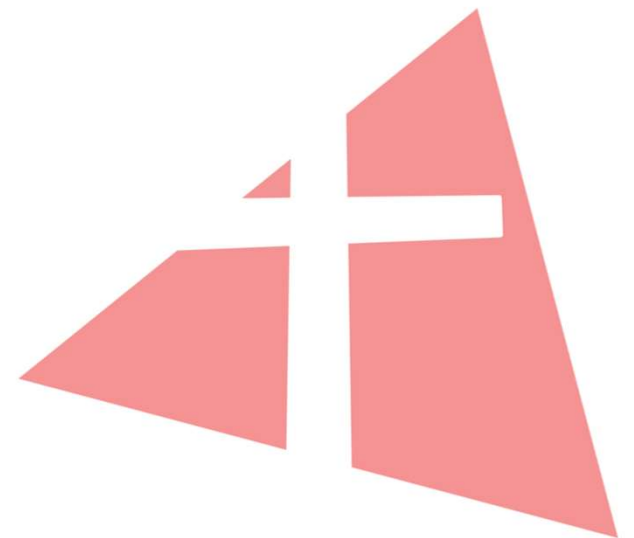


BEING GENEROUS

Sunday, May 12th 2019



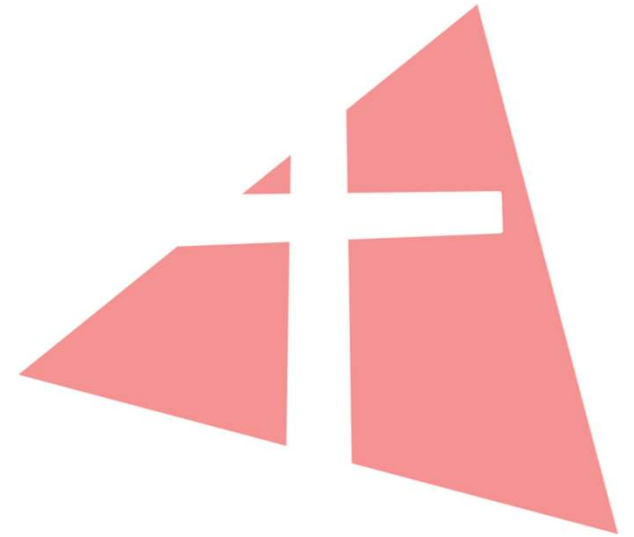
OUR SERIES

- God owns everything
- God the provider
- Giving, Saving, Managing the rest
- Work
- In His Time



TODAY

- Being generous

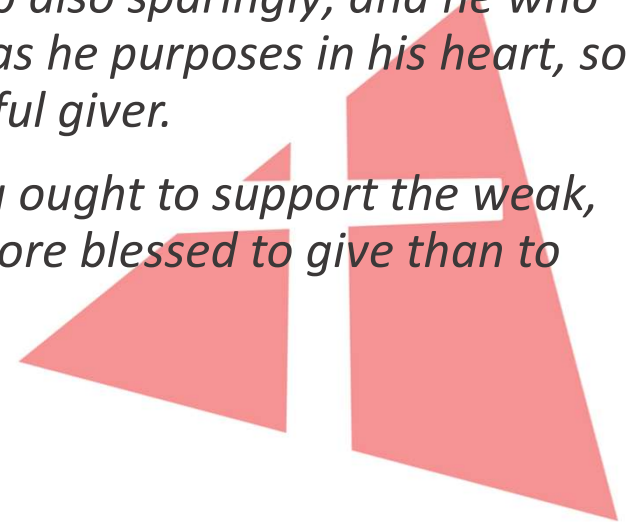


BEING GENEROUS

- **The Bible tells us to be generous**

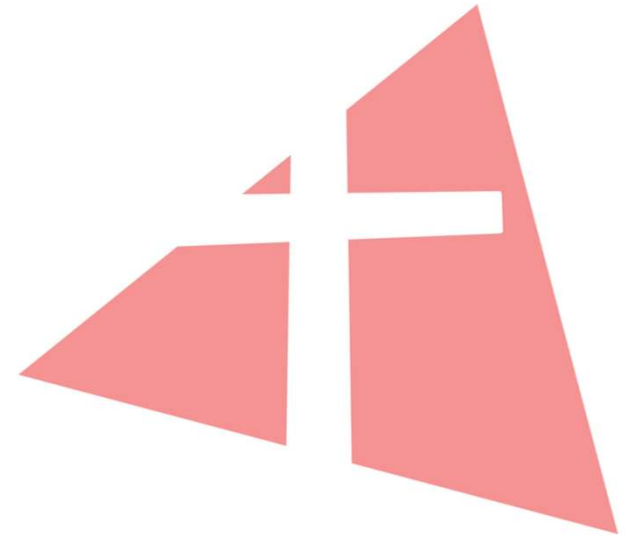
2 Corinthians 9:6-7 But this I say, He who sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver.

Acts 20:35 I have showed you all things, how that so laboring you ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.



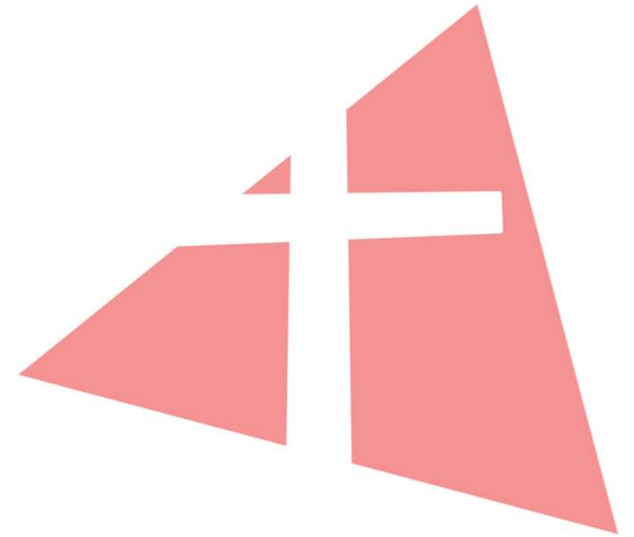
GENEROSITY WITH WISDOM

- Some experiences with people who asked me for money



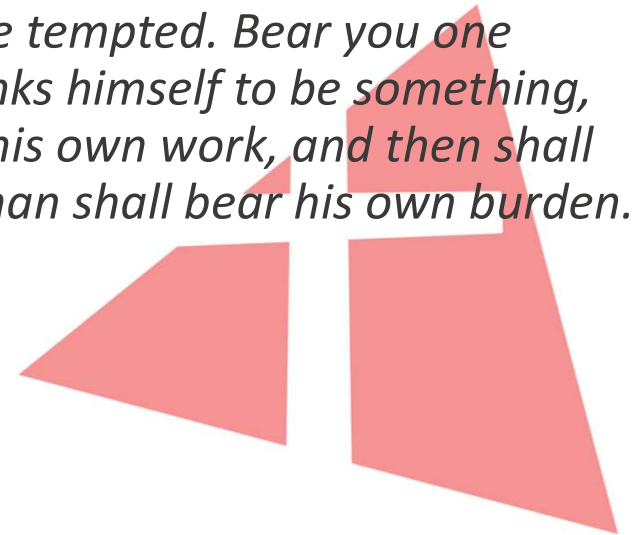
TITHING VS. BEING GENEROUS

- **Being generous is not the same as tithing**
 - Tithing is our 1st priority
 - Being generous falls under “managing the rest”



THE BIBLE ON RESPONSIBILITIES

Galatians 6:1-5 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering yourself, lest you also be tempted. Bear you one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if a man thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden.



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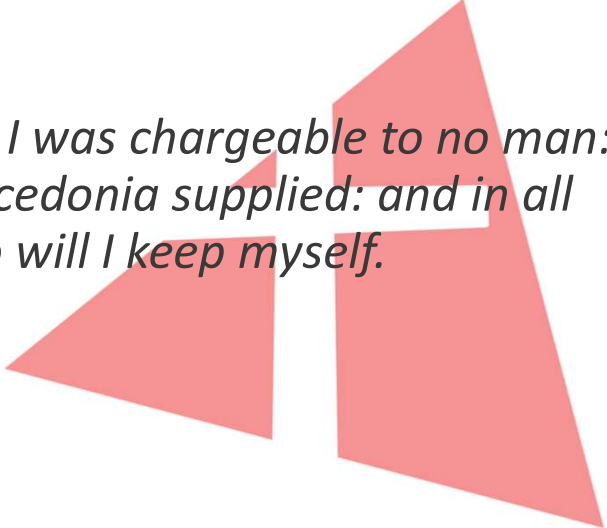
- If a person is not responsible for himself, giving doesn't help but make things worse



PAULS' EXAMPLE

Acts 18:3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and worked: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

2 Corinthians 11:9 And when I was present with you, and in want, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren who came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself.



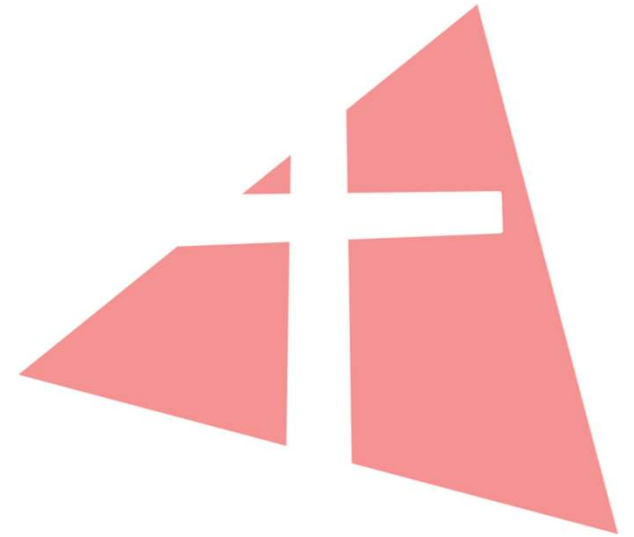
WISDOM IN BEING GENEROUS

- We can't give what we don't have



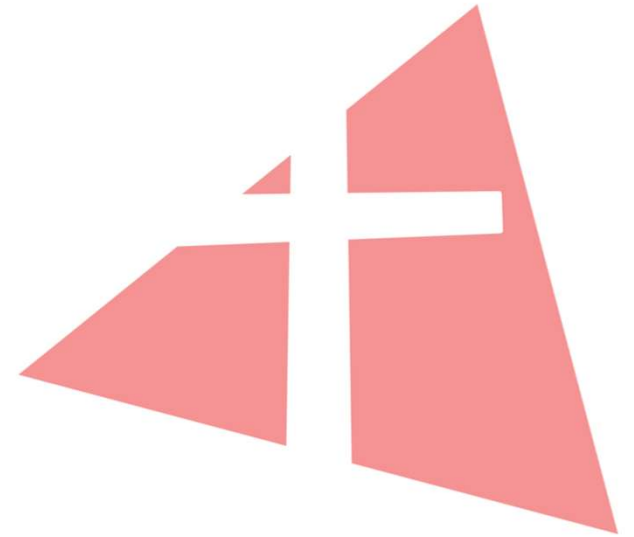
WISDOM IN BEING GENEROUS

- We cannot help everybody



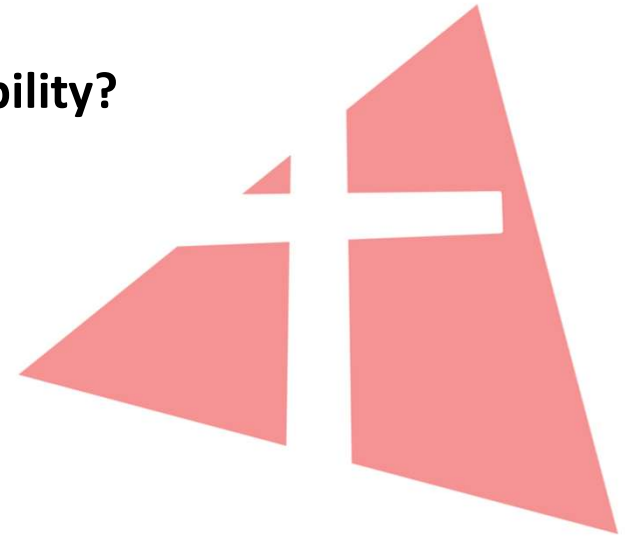
WISDOM IN BEING GENEROUS

- **Being generous is very personal**
 - The way God calls you to be generous is different from the way He calls me to be generous
- **Generosity is not limited to money**
 - Time
 - Prayers
 - Personal care
 - ...



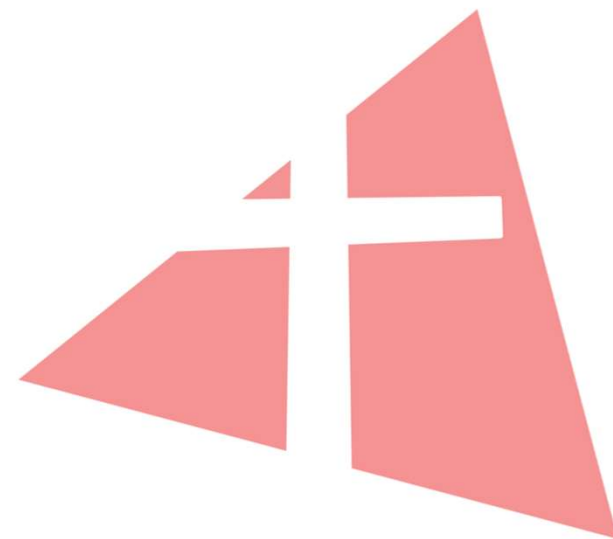
WISDOM IN BEING GENEROUS

- Is the other person responsible to carry his/her own responsibility?



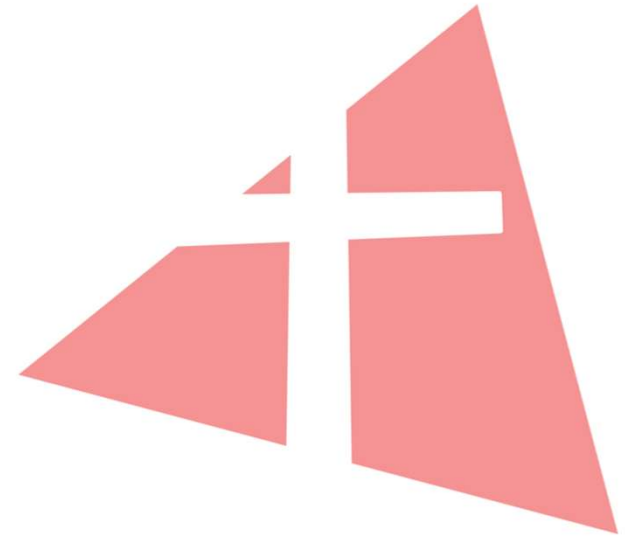
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- What is God saying?



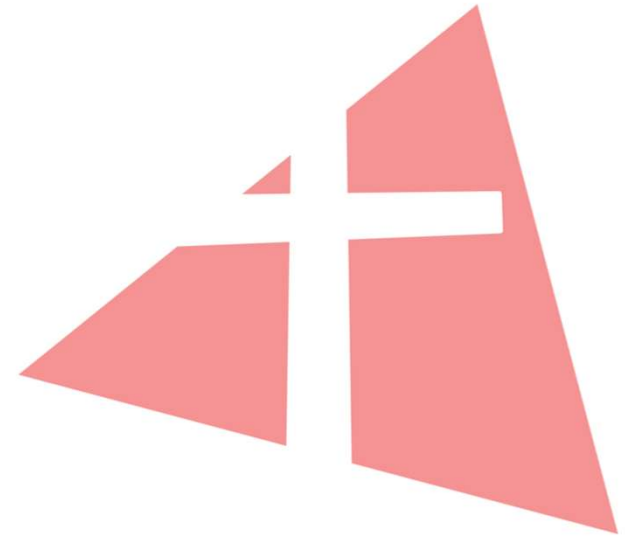
WISDOM IN BEING GENEROUS

- Is my giving really helping?
- What impact does my giving have?



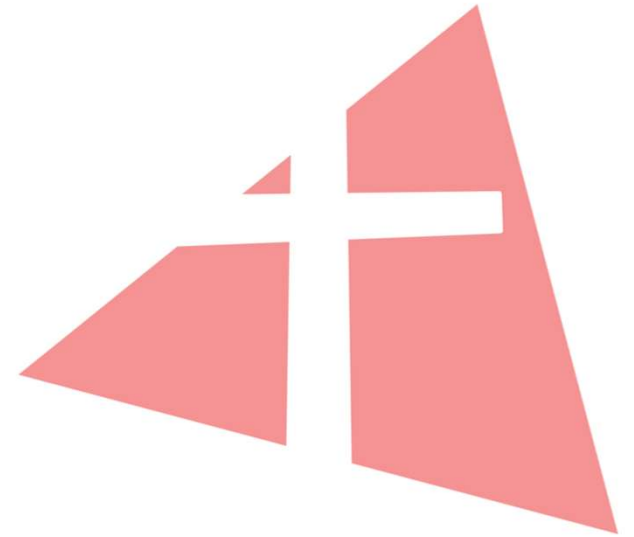
WISDOM IN BEING GENEROUS

- Is the person dependent on “just me”?



WISDOM IN BEING GENEROUS

- Is the person trusting God or trusting me?



WISDOM IN BEING GENEROUS

- God calls us to be generous
- We don't have to give to everybody who is asking
- Find out the way God wants you to live out generosity

