

Date of Sermon: November 22, 2020

Topic of Sermon: Cutting Through the Noise: Prosperity & Generosity

Main Passage: Proverbs 3:9-10, 11:24-25

BEFORE your group meeting:

- **Participate in Worship** in-person or online to hear the sermon you will be discussing.
 - You can also catch-up on YouTube or at https://www.foresthill.org/en/on_demand
- **Encourage your group members** to watch the sermon and take a closer look at the Scripture that is used.
- **Look over the questions** provided below and think through your own responses.
- **Plan your meeting.** The Dig Deeper section is great to use in your group discussion (if there's time) or you can send it out to your group members after the meeting for their personal devotion time.
- **Pray for the Spirit** to use your group discussion to encourage dynamic life in Christ in each of you.

What's the Big Idea?

We can trust and obey God by being generous to others because of God's generosity to us through Jesus.

Get Started

1. In what ways has God been generous to you? Why is it good to remind ourselves and thank him for His blessings?
2. Why is our generosity toward others important to God?

Dive into the Sermon

1. Generosity is paradoxical. According to Proverbs 11:24-25, what happens when we give? What is the result when we withhold? Why is this the case?
2. Everything we have is from God. How would it be helpful to consider this fact when it comes to our generosity?
3. How is practicing generosity in faith different than generosity without Jesus? Why is it important to trust and obey God in our giving? What are practical ways we can be more generous?

Dig Deeper into a Scripture Passage

Use the HEAR Bible Reading Method to learn more what the Bible teaches us about joy.

Bible-Reading Tip: Begin by asking God to open your eyes and hearts to His Word. In 1 Corinthians 2:6-16, Paul writes that the Spirit – who lives inside everyone who believes in Jesus – knows the depths of God and reveals Him to those who follow Jesus. So, always begin your time of reading the Bible with a prayer for Him to open your eyes and ears to what He will reveal. This doesn't mean that you will always have an emotional encounter or a special revelation, but you are acknowledging that He is that One through whom all wisdom is revealed.



Proverbs 11:24-25

- ²⁴ One gives freely, yet grows all the richer;
another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.
- ²⁵ Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters will himself be watered.

HEAR Bible Reading Method

HIGHLIGHT the passage

- Underline any repeated words or key ideas you see.
- Note any questions you have about what you read.
- In 2-3 sentences, summarize what was said or what happened.

EXPLAIN the passage

- What was revealed about God? His character, desires, and/or actions?
- What was revealed about people? What we are/do or what we should be/do?

APPLY the passage

- From this reading, what truth do you need to embrace?
- By God's power, how will you THINK, SPEAK, or ACT differently based on what you read?

RESPOND to the passage

- Talk to God about what you've seen and learned in this passage.
- Ask Him to help you apply the truth to your life.