



Believe: Generosity Dreams



Now that you have drafted a Generosity Theology, let's put it through a test and see how it functions as a discipleship template. Let's return to a previous discussion on your generosity dreams for your people and church. These were questions you answered in the Believe Assessment.

It is pretty common for pastors to set the topic of money outside the practice of discipleship. Money tends to be relegated to budgets and fundraising which renders its everyday discipleship application powerless. Let's give it power to release freedom, joy, and purpose in your people's everyday lives.

1. Create four descriptions (3-5 sentences each) profiling the financial situations of different members of your church.

Create a title or name for each profile if that is helpful. Keep in mind that while you may not know the details of people's personal financial situations, you can confidently infer what finance is like for a teenager in a middle-class home, a widow, a single mom, and a wealthy executive.

Profile #1

Name:

Description:

Profile #2

Name:

Description:

Person #3

Name:

Description:

Person #4

Name:

Description:

2. Think about what would happen if these individuals were to learn, apply, and fully live out the Generosity Theology statements you have drafted.

How would their lives be impacted?

What would they learn?

How would their lives improve?

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What beliefs might be missing to get them to the place where they are experiencing God's freedom in generosity?

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3. Reflect upon the current financial culture of your staff, church, and the platform language you use when discussing money as indicated in the Believe Assessment.

How would your drafted Generosity Theology statements positively affect your staff?

How would your Generosity Theology impact your church?

If you were to lead consistently for the next three years with your drafted Generosity Theology, what kind of Generous Culture could you envision in your future?

4. Imagine leading with the goal of instilling your Generosity Theology beliefs.

What are some practical ways you might lead differently with your Generosity Theology?

What can you do in the next 30 days to lead out with just one of your axioms from your Generosity Theology?

5. Before you finalize your Generosity Theology, take the time to refine the statements, even adding and deleting some altogether.

Now that you have a glimpse into how these axioms can be used to create a culture of personal discipleship and organizational generosity, are you content with them?

Do they speak with life-transforming power and authority? Remember they are not meant to be comprehensive of all biblical teachings related to money, but catalytic and memorable for individual and cultural transformation. Record your possible edits and thoughts.

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