



Believe:
Prepare to Lead



Now that you have framed your Generosity Theology, let's practice leading with it. Below are three places you can immediately lead. Do not make a declarative statement or announce you are leading. You are really just practicing leading more than anything. Once you actually make some public statements regarding generosity, you may get some feedback or think about tweaks you would like to make before making your **Generosity Theology** permanent.

Leadership Devotion

Pick one of the values you articulated in your **Generosity Theology** along with the key scripture passage. Make sure it is stated using personal pronouns since you will be doing a devotion to help your staff or leadership team grow as disciples.

Write a brief devotion answering these questions:

1. What is the generosity principle this verse is addressing?
2. What problems keep us from living this principle?
3. What are the promises we receive as we live this principle?

State the Generosity Theology point in a powerful, positive, and personal take-away.

Offering Talk

Pick one of the values you articulated in your Generosity Theology along with the key scripture passage. Create a two minute introductory talk you can give just prior to the Offering Prayer. Complete the following sentences and incorporate them into your Offering Talk.

"Today, I would like to encourage all of you who are living a generous life. To all who are generous the scripture says _____ . This is your promise. Re-state that verse in the power of a personal promise like this _____ . You are living and receiving this promise today with your generosity. Thank you. This week our church is going to invest in _____ ministry event. It is an opportunity for us to personally impact a life with the hope and love of Christ. You are a part of that ministry with your generosity. Again, thank you for living the principle _____."

Prayer

Pick one of the values you articulated in your **Generosity Theology** along with the key scripture passage. Seek to insert it in a prayer you pray personally,

following your devotion, or **Offering Talk**. Complete the following sentences, incorporating your generosity thoughts in your prayer.

*“Father, you are a generous God. Thank you so much for your generosity to me. You have been generous with your love, grace, forgiveness, and salvation. I see your generosity in all areas of my life. My family, work, health, and church are all signs of your generous activity. Now I want to thank you that you have been specifically generous in this area _____
_____ to me. You have actually promised it in your word, _____. I see it at work in my life. I am a testimony to the reality of this principle. Now I pray it over my family, our staff, leaders, and entire church. Keep displaying _____ generosity more and more. Give us eyes to see it and hearts to appreciate it. We thank you, praise you, and we are giving back to You, the most generous God. Amen.”*

If your church has pre-articulated vision language make sure you integrate it into the practical exercises above. Generosity, vision, and impact should always be shared together.

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