

# THE GENEROSITY PROJECT

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Connecting Church  
and Home



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## LIVE IT OUT!

Take home conversation starters to nurture the practice of generosity in our households and daily lives.

*Live It Out! is a household supplement to The Generosity Project: 5G Sessions and Worship. The Live It Out! conversation starters are intended for households with one or more members, those sharing living space temporarily or permanently; for immediate family, extended family; and friends of all ages and generations. They are intended for those who may experience multiple religious traditions or no faith practices in their daily life.*

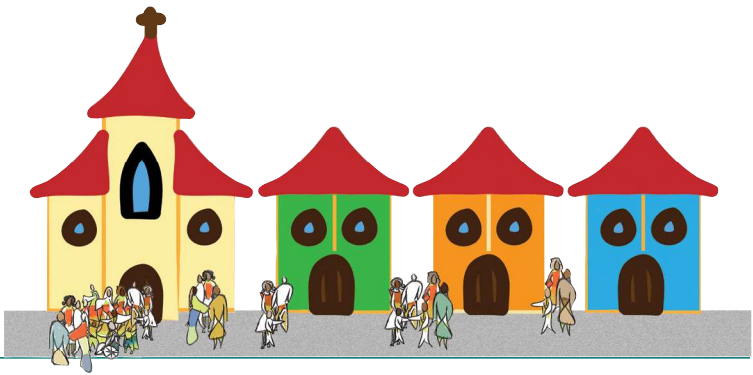
*Each conversation session consists of a theme, a goal, a key question, further discussion prompts and words of affirmation and blessing. Corresponding activity pages help launch conversations into understanding and action.*

*The goal of the Generosity Challenge is to explore the meaning of tithing and the idea of sharing 10 percent of all we earn or own. It is meant to trigger further conversation – and a generous response.*

*The six household conversation starters may be used in six days, six weeks, six months or as part of a congregational initiative related to The Generosity Project. Allow plenty of time for these important conversations. May these conversations and activities help shape the practice of generosity now and for many generations to come!*

**Note:** If a household of one, please substitute “me” for “we” and “my” for “our.” Think about those with whom you could have these conversations – extended family members or a small group of friends.

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## Creating Centers For Generosity: The HOW

### Conversation Goal

Become a center of generosity by creating a household purpose statement and commitment to practice generosity 24–7–365

### Conversation #4

#### Make A Plan

*It is time to form a plan around the conversations that have engaged you so far. You have become informed on your household giving patterns where you could pour out care and generosity. Now it is time to take action!*

### Key Question

How can we begin to fully live a life of intentional generosity in response to God's love for us?

### Discussion Prompts

- What is our purpose as a family?
- How does that purpose inform our sharing and generosity?
- What two items from those we brainstormed in Session 3 do you want to commit to our giving? How much of our treasure? Our time? Our talents?
- How can we commit to giving and serving our church and community of faith?

**God's Story 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 (CEV).** "My friends, we want you to know that the churches in Macedonia have shown others how kind God is. Although they were going through hard times and were very poor, they were glad to give generously. They gave as much as they could afford and even more, simply because they wanted to. They even asked and begged us to let them have the joy of giving their money for God's people. And they did more than we had hoped. They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us; just as God wanted them to do...I am not ordering you to do this. I am simply testing how real your love is by comparing it with the concern that others have shown. You know that our Lord Jesus Christ was kind enough to give up all his riches and become poor so that you could become rich."

### Affirmation + Blessing

God, use us to respond joyfully to the needs of this world with our acts of generosity.



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# CREATING A HOUSEHOLD CENTER of GENEROSITY

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## Action 4



### Our Household Purpose Statement

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### Two Places We Choose To Give Generously of our Time, Talents and/or Financial Treasure

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How do these two choices support our household purpose statement?

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## The Generosity Challenge

How many pairs of socks and undies get washed each week in this household? Count them. What is 10% of that number? What would it mean to purchase new socks and undies – 10% of the number we wear? How hard would this be to do? Who needs socks and undies? To whom or where would we go to donate them?



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