

Day 24 - Generosity and Mentoring

Our current culture often defines a life of significance as someone who has acquired many friends, achieved economic prosperity, earned earthly comforts, and reached the pinnacle of the American dream. But how does the Bible describe a life of significance? Is it based on how much a person acquires—or how much a person gives?

Who have you personally watched live a “life of significance?” What did they do and how did they spend their time? What made their life impactful?

Our focus scripture for today is Proverbs 27:17 and Proverbs 22:9

“¹⁷ Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another.”

“⁹ A generous person will be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.”

Has anyone ever given you an amazing gift? A gift that made you say, “Wow, are you sure you want to give that much?” It can be overwhelming to be on the receiving end of someone else’s kindness and generosity. God is the perfect example of this kind of generosity. Our salvation is the result of His kindness and sacrificial love. When you consider God’s generosity towards us, it’s a wonderful blessing. And it begs the question, how should we respond to His generosity? The answer is simple but demanding - follow His example.

Generosity can take many different forms. It can look like investing valuable time in someone else to help them grow, sacrificially giving your hard-earned income in a way that benefits others, or opening up your home during the holidays and inviting a coworker to dinner who has no place to go. While these are a few simple examples, the sky is the limit when it comes to generosity. God has been so generous to us; our response must be that we do the same for others. As we grow in generosity, not only do we get the blessing of benefiting and mentoring others, but we also experience the blessing of becoming more and more like Jesus.

Pause to ask God to reveal to you ways to grow in your personal generosity. Who, or what, or where can you invest your time, talent, or treasure in the days ahead?

As an invitation to a spiritual practice—a way to say “yes, Lord,” we invite you to spend 10 minutes seeking the Lord regarding Stonegate’s desire to build a discipleship training center that becomes a hub of transformation so we can bless our communities. Is this a direction that you sense the Lord is leading Stonegate? How might the Lord be inviting you to participate?

Prepare to walk with God into the day before us, the Lord who loves us says in:

Romans 12:13 “Share with the saints in their needs; pursue hospitality.”

Father, help us discern where you are leading us as a church - making Your invitation clear.

Jesus, help us become worshipers, friends, apprentices, and guides who live as disciple-makers in all areas of our everyday.

Spirit, help us become a disciple-making hub, loving the lost and proclaiming Jesus in all we do and say so our communities will flourish.