

# Generosity is making someone's day by giving something away.



DAY 1

## Read Matthew 6:1-4, NIV

Do you ever do something nice and expect a pat on the back? Do you sometimes choose to be generous hoping that you'll receive something in return? It's natural to want other people to notice your generosity. But we must be careful not to "toot our own horns" and make recognition the REASON we choose generosity.

God wants us to be generous because God has been generous to us! No one likes a braggy or boastful giver. Generosity is about giving something away to make someone else's day. It should never be about getting something in return.

And guess what? Even if NO one else sees what you do, God always does. God loves it when we choose to be generous and give with the right attitude.

### Generosity Ninja

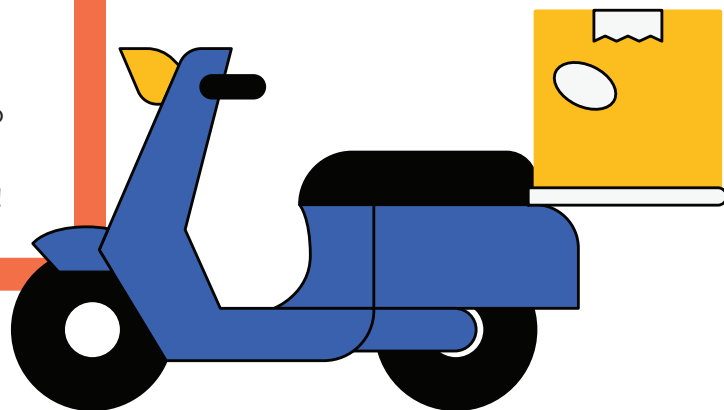
Here's a little challenge for you! This week, choose one act of generosity every day to do in SECRET. Find ways to give generously without the other person knowing it was you!

DAY 2

## Read 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV

Giving is great. But giving because you have to or because you feel forced to isn't what this verse is talking about. God wants us to give with a cheerful heart. God wants us to take a long hard look at ALL we have and then to give because we recognize just how blessed we really are.

But sometimes, giving feels like a "have to." If we're not careful, giving can become a chore or one more thing we have to do rather than something we want to do. It doesn't really matter to God how much you give, what matters is the attitude you have WHEN you give. Have you been a generosity ninja yet? Have you given generously to someone else without expecting anything in return? Have you given with a cheerful attitude? Stop and ask God to help you have the right attitude as you choose generosity this week.





### DAY 3

## Read Matthew 6:21, NIV

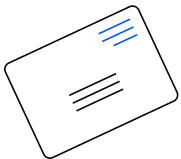
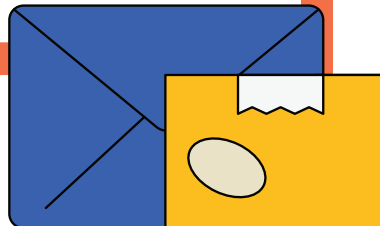
Whenever you go to the doctor, what's one of the first things they check on? Your heart! It's important to hear a regular, clear heartbeat. But did you know that your heart could still be in bad shape even if it sounds fine to the doctor?

If you're focused on yourself all the time — what you want, getting more stuff or holding on to what you already have too tightly, it shows what you value the most. That's your treasure.

Note that thinking about yourself isn't bad! But when you only think of yourself and forget about others, then it may be time to recheck what you value the most.

### Heart Check

If someone did a heart check on you right now, what would they find? Are you generous and willing to share? If not, why? Write down a time recently when you chose not to be generous. Think about why you weren't and what might have happened had you chosen to give generously with the right attitude.



### DAY 4

## Read Philippians 2:14, NIV

Raise your hand if you never argue or complain. Everyone reading this should have their hands DOWN. While it's hard to do, it's not completely impossible. As a follower of Jesus with the power of the Holy Spirit living in you, you have all the help you need!

“Everything” in today's verse also includes giving. The next time you have the opportunity to give, ask God to change your attitude so that you give generously without complaint. When you give this way, you're able to see how your generosity can bless and help someone else. Let's choose to give—to do everything—with a good attitude.

### Generosity Scramble

Grab a parent or a friend and unscramble the words below! Talk about what it means to give generously.

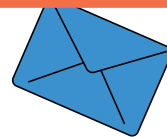
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*Answer Key: Give Generously, Without Complaint*



# Give with a good attitude.