



You Just Think You Are
Acts 20:35
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The Bottom Line: Everybody gives. Not everybody is generous. Generosity must be taught. Here we go.

Introduction: For the next three weeks, I'm going to **teach** you how to **do** something you think you already know how to do.

I'm going to teach **you how to be generous.**

I'm not going to teach you how to give. You already know how to do that.

Generosity is more than random acts of **giving.**

PROMISE: When you become more generous, you will **give** more, **save** more, and **consume** less. Jesus says you'll actually be happier.

Generosity is not **natural.**

When it comes to money, crazy is natural.

- Most Americans spend more than they make.
- Most Americans pay interest on things that decrease in value.
- In the past, poor people owed money
Now, the richer you are, the more you owe.

Four Generosity Myths:

1. Generosity is **spontaneous.**
2. Generosity is determined by **cash flow.**
3. It's the **amount** that **counts.**
4. Rich people are **generous.**

Generosity is the **premeditated, calculated, designated, emancipation** of personal financial assets.

When you **free** your money, you free **yourself** from your money.

“... remembering the words the Lord Jesus said:
‘It is more **blessed** to give than to receive.’” (Acts 20:35 NIV)

This is not referring to a moment in time, but a lifestyle of generous giving.

Happy is the person whose life is **ordered around** giving rather than receiving

NEXT STEPS:

- Memorize: Acts 20:35.**
- Meditate & Imagine the Joy of Generous Giving.**
- Commit to the Next Three Weeks of Crazy Like Us.**