

Sermon Handout: Made __. Week 5
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Central Church of Christ

Made for Generosity
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Main Points:

1. **Generosity is commanded by God.** God commands His people to be generous, as seen in Deuteronomy 15:7-8. Generosity is woven into the fabric of the Church's identity.

2. **Generosity brings blessings.** Generosity benefits both the giver and the receiver. True blessings are not just material but also spiritual and emotional.

3. **Understanding God's Generosity for Us Leads to More Generosity by Us.** Recognizing God's generosity helps us reflect His character in our own lives. God's ultimate act of generosity is giving His Son, Jesus Christ (John 3:16).

Bottom Line: Those who know Jesus must make Jesus known to the world.

Application / Next Steps:

- Count your blessings and practice gratitude.
- Support the Church's mission and serve others in need through sincere sacrificial generosity.

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Family Discussion Questions:

1. Can you think of a time when someone's generosity inspired you to be generous? How did it make you feel to receive or give generously?
2. Why do you think God commands us to be generous? How does understanding God's generosity towards us help us to be generous to others?
3. What are some ways we can practice generosity as a family? Is there someone or a cause that God is putting on your heart to help this week?
4. How can you count your blessings and practice gratitude daily? What steps can we take as a family to support the Church's mission or serve others in need?

Scripture References: Deuteronomy 15:7-8, 10-11; Psalm 112:1-2, 9; Proverbs 11:10-11, 23-25; Matthew 25:40; John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Titus 3:4-8

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