

# GRACEPOINT CHURCH

## Weekly Devotional

**Becoming a Giving Person – Linda Magengenene-Moyake –21.6.2026**

### **Scripture**

Luke 6:38

Open your mind and heart as you read the passage of Scripture aloud and then again quietly to yourself. Listen for God's word to you.

Spend some time in worship.

### **Observation**

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave His followers principles to live by. In this instance He was talking about giving. He encouraged them to give freely without being afraid they would suffer or struggle when they did so. He wanted to release them from worrying about giving more than they felt they could afford. No one can ever out-give God for He is generous beyond human understanding and will give more in return than anyone could ever give to Him. Whilst this is often understood in a materialistic sense, it applies to all aspects of life. Whatever the giver gives regarding love, forgiveness, time, blessings, etc, God's generosity far exceeds their gifts.

The Jews wore an ankle-length robe with a cord around their waist. The robe could be pulled up and tucked into the sash, forming a large pocket above the waist, which they would use to carry things. Jesus assured His followers that this pocket would not be able to contain God's generosity in response to their giving. God would give similar blessings to His followers as those they gave to others. When they were kind, He would show them kindness; when they were merciful, He would grant them mercy etc.

### *Icebreaker:*

When have you been astounded by someone's unexpected generosity to you? What was your response? How did you thank them?

### **Application**

- How did you feel when you saw the title of the sermon? Did you think twice about attending? Why/why not?
- Do you consider giving an obligation, or something you do if you have time or money left over at the end of the month, or a privilege? Why?

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- Do this exercise in silence. (give a percentage for each and then total them for the result to discuss.) Allow five minutes and then share how you feel about the results. (You do not have to share each figure, just your feelings about the results as a whole):
  - How much time do you give to Jesus in:
    - The workplace
    - Family
    - Relaxation
    - Sport
    - Other activities
    - Church
  - Share what you think this says about you and your relationship with God?
- Have you ever given more in some regard than you thought you could ever afford (not just in resources but in any way)? What was the result? How did you feel? How has such giving in the past influenced the way you give now – and the way you will give in the future?
- How does your willingness to give impact your relationship with others and with God?
- How can you invest in any way in those who are close to you – whether family, colleagues, friends, or other church members? How does such an idea make you feel? Do you think it could bring you joy and the freedom to give more of yourself to them? Explain what a difference you think it could make.
- How can the group help you with the struggles you have mentioned during this session?

### Prayer

Pray for one another regarding the issues raised during your discussion time and regarding other needs of the group.

### Service

This week, experiment with being a giving person – your time, your talent, your treasure, and any way you feel you may be able to bless others.

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