

Vision and Values – We Put Giving Before Receiving

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Key Text

1 Chronicles 29:1-21

Generosity is an important value of New Generation City Church. We believe that giving should be placed before receiving.

Principles of Generosity

1. *You reap what you sow*
David gave from his own personal treasury and displayed his attitude to his subjects. As a consequence, the other leaders gave freely and the people rejoiced. This principle applies not just to finance, but also to all aspects of our lives, such as words, time, etc. [2 Cor 9:6; Prov 11:25]
2. *You lead and people will follow*
Our culture is individualistic and Christians need to be leaders. Everyone is a leader to others in different contexts. Modelling selflessness is important irrespective of our life circumstances. We can influence others for good or for bad. If God's people are not demonstrating generosity, then who will?
3. *A generous person recognises that everything comes from God*
David saw that all that he owned came from God's provision. This perspective helps us to be more generous. This attitude also means that Christians should credit God for all that they have received. God shows his favour to both Christians and non-Christians. [Psalm 50:12; Jam 1:5]
4. *Generous people work together*
Unity is beautiful and God is glorified when Christians serve and love one another. [1 Chron 29:21]
5. *God is generous to us and selflessness comes from God*
[Eph 5:2, Heb 10:18; 1 John 2:2; 1 John 4:10; Matt 20:28]

Practical Application

There are opportunities to be generous everyday; and every week at church. There are many different opportunities for you to serve at church. Serve others and get involved in the church. Everyone has a part to play. God has given everything you have been given. Lead the way and be generous and others will follow. Sow generously and you will reap generously.