

# The Walk: Generous Living

(Week 5: Corresponding to message on Jan. 31, 2016)

## Getting Started:

1. Share one way you practiced living in community or “loving one another” this past week.
2. Share with the group someone who practiced generous living and why?

## Digging Deeper:

1. Read Matthew 25:14 – 30.
  - a. What do you see as the main point of the parable of the talents?
  - b. How is being generous with all that we have being a good steward of what God has given to us?
  - c. How does the second coming of Jesus Christ impact the urgency of the lesson?
2. Why did the master give different talents to different slaves (see verse 15)?
  - a. How would you have felt if you received 5, 2 or 1 talent? Would it change the central point of what Jesus was teaching?
  - b. Why do you think God gives different abilities to people with different “talents?”
3. What happened to the two servants who doubled their investment (see verses 21 and 23)?
  - a. Why do you think the reward is the same? How does this motivate you to remain faithful?

4. Look up the following verses: 1 Corinthians 4:2; Romans 14:7, 8; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Peter 4:11.
  - a. What do they share about how we should use what God has given to us?
  
5. Look up the following verses: Romans 14:19; 1 Corinthians 14:12; 1 Peter 4:10.
  - a. What do these verses teach us about generous living and stewardship?
  
6. How does Paul instruct us to give in 2 Corinthians 8:2; 9:5, 11, 13?
  - a. What other areas, besides money, can you apply this principle?

**Taking it home:**

1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement, "It is more blessed to give than to receive?" Why and how have you seen this to be true in your life?
  
2. Is it easy or hard for you to be generous? Why? Come up with a few examples of how generous living is wise stewardship?
  
3. What "talents and abilities" has God given you and how can you be a better steward of these gifts?
  - a. How can you use what God has given you so that you are being a wise steward and living life generously for others?
  
4. How can you live a more generous life this week?