

MESSAGE NOTES

Broke is Normal. Don't be Normal. Be Weird!

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"Selfish is Normal. Don't be Normal. Be Weird. Be Generous!"

Crossroads Christian Church

(Text: Proverbs 11:24-31)

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1. Put God _____ (Matthew 6:33).

What does it mean to PUT GOD FIRST?

Give God the FIRST _____ of every day.

Give God the FIRST _____ in every decision.

Give God the FIRST _____ of every week.

Give God the FIRST _____, the FIRSTfruits of your income every week.

Give God the FIRST _____ in your heart.

2. Bring the _____ back to _____ (Proverbs 3:9-10).

GOD never uses the word _____ when He talks about _____.

You can't _____ what doesn't belong to you.

We give Him the _____ and trust Him to _____

the _____.

3. Be _____ (Luke 17:7-10).

_____ is _____ back to God
what already belongs to Him.

_____ is _____. But it's not

_____. It's _____.

We're not _____ to be generous.

We're _____ to be generous.

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CONNECT GROUP HOMEWORK

For the week of January 27.

GETTING STARTED _____

1. What are some signs in our world that suggest selfishness is normal?

2. Can you think of a time you had to exercise faith in God in your finances? What happened and how did it help you trust God more?

DIGGING DEEPER _____

1. Based on Sunday's message, what's the difference between what we bring to God and what we give to God? Why is it important to understand this distinction?

2. **Ephesians 5:1** says, "Therefore, be imitators of God ..." What does it look like to imitate God in the area of generosity?

3. What are the promises made in **2 Corinthians 9:10-11** to those who are generous?

4. In **Acts 4:36-37** we meet Barnabas for the first time. How is he described?

How is giving a source of encouragement? Who has encouraged you through their generosity?

Barnabas sold a field that would have been of some value to him. Is there anything "off limits" for us to give to the Lord?

What are the benefits of building God's kingdom instead of our own? What attitude toward wealth must we have if this is how we want to live?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

1. What are some specific opportunities we have to be more generous and help our church accomplish our God-given mission?

2. What is one of the biggest hurdles you face that keeps you from being as generous as you'd like to be? Is there a way you could turn that hurdle into a catalyst for generosity?