



DAILY ENGAGEMENTS

 Hope
Rising


INTRODUCTION

Over the next five weeks, we will lean into responding to and being formed more deeply in God's way of generosity. **Each week**, we'll consider generosity through a theme preached on Sunday and explored in a devotional reflection (found in the Hope Rising guidebook). **Each day**, we'll have an opportunity to engage with a prompt or consideration that connects with that week's generosity theme. This is what you hold in your hand right now! We hope you're inspired, delighted, encouraged, and challenged through these daily engagements. Come, Holy Spirit, as we seek to be more generous reflections of You.


GENEROUS WORSHIP

WEEK 1 | SEPTEMBER 29–OCTOBER 5

SEPTEMBER 29 | GENEROUS WORSHIP



Many Spirit-filled authors have exhausted the thesaurus in order to describe God with the glory He deserves. His perfect holiness, by definition, assures us that our words can't contain Him. Isn't it a comfort to worship a God we cannot exaggerate?



Francis Chan
American pastor and author

SEPTEMBER 30 | GENEROUS WORSHIP

Give thanks to the LORD for He
is good; His love endures forever.

PSALM 136:1

Reflect on **Psalm 136:1**, then write, draw, or
speak a prayer of adoration to God today,
including as much gratitude as you can.

OCTOBER 1 | GENEROUS WORSHIP



Check out a worship music playlist
curated by BCC worship leaders.

OCTOBER 2 | GENEROUS WORSHIP

Take a five-minute walk. As you walk, breathe deeply, notice what is around you, and engage in a centering prayer: Christ above me, I receive. Christ beneath me, I am rooted. Christ around me, I'm connected. Christ within me, I am called.

Richard Dahlstrom

American pastor, teacher, and theologian

OCTOBER 3 | GENEROUS WORSHIP

As you go through your day,
notice: where do you find
yourself in awe? It could be
a big or small thing. Take a
moment to see it. Thank God.

OCTOBER 4 | GENEROUS WORSHIP

Take a few minutes today to consider what might be drawing your worship away from God. Write down anything that comes to mind. Then, ask God to help you direct your worship towards Him today.

OCTOBER 5 | GENEROUS WORSHIP

My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my
heart and my portion forever.

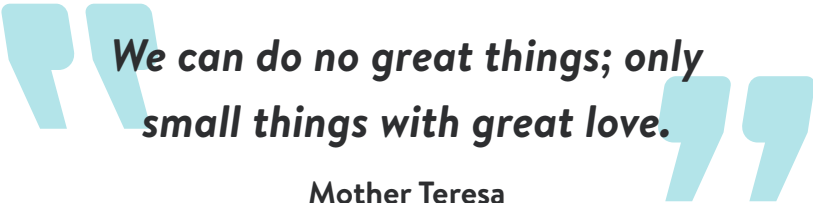
PSALM 73:26

Carry this psalm with you and read it
throughout the day.

GENEROUS JUSTICE

WEEK 2 | OCTOBER 6-12

OCTOBER 6 | GENEROUS JUSTICE



***We can do no great things; only
small things with great love.***

Mother Teresa

Albanian-Indian Catholic nun & ministry leader

OCTOBER 7 | GENEROUS JUSTICE

Share a donation—of money,
resources, or time—with an
organization that promotes
justice locally or globally.

OCTOBER 8 | GENEROUS JUSTICE

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

MARK 12:30-31

Today, notice: What differences and similarities of identity and lived experience do you see around you? Each person you see (and don't see) is a neighbor to love.


OCTOBER 9 | GENEROUS JUSTICE



Justice is what love looks like in public.

Dr. Cornel West

*American professor, philosopher, author,
and racial justice activist*



OCTOBER 10 | GENEROUS JUSTICE

Take a walk outside in a place where you spend time. Some ideas: in your neighborhood, near work, at school. Where do you notice brokenness and a need for God's justice, for your neighbors, and/or you? Pray for what you're noticing, asking God to move you toward His love and justice.

OCTOBER 11 | GENEROUS JUSTICE

Make a connection with a neighbor today. Some ideas: someone on the bus, in line at the store, sitting on the sidewalk, on the playground, etc. Learn their name and share yours. Find out something that brings them joy, breaks their heart, or makes them angry.

OCTOBER 12 | GENEROUS JUSTICE

What is something God has placed on your heart that needs His justice? Pray for it throughout the day today.

Some ideas: before each meal or snack, as you brush your teeth, during other daily routines.

GENEROUS FAMILY

WEEK 3 | OCTOBER 13-19

OCTOBER 13 | GENEROUS FAMILY

Friends love through
all kinds of weather, and
families stick together in all
kinds of trouble.

PROVERBS 17:17, MSG

OCTOBER 14 | GENEROUS FAMILY

Find a photo of you with someone you consider family and keep it close today and through the week. Some ideas: make it the screen on your phone, print out a small copy.

OCTOBER 15 | GENEROUS FAMILY

Reach out today to someone you consider family that you haven't talked with in awhile but have been meaning to connect with. Some ideas: write them a note, send them a text, or give them a call/FaceTime.

OCTOBER 16 | GENEROUS FAMILY

Have a shared meal with others this week. Some ideas: sit with someone at work or school, sit at the table in your home, ask if you can join someone at the coffee shop. Make a connection while you share the space.

OCTOBER 17 | GENEROUS FAMILY

Draw or write down a hope
you have for your biological or
chosen family.

OCTOBER 18 | GENEROUS FAMILY

**Tell someone a story from your
childhood today. Ask someone to
share a story with you from theirs.**

OCTOBER 19 | GENEROUS FAMILY

We will not hide [the stories we've received about God] from their descendents; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.

PSALM 78:4

Reflect on Psalm 78:4. What are you called to do for a younger generation?

GENEROUS RELATIONSHIPS

WEEK 4 | OCTOBER 20-26

OCTOBER 20 | GENEROUS RELATIONSHIPS

**A generous person will
prosper; whoever refreshes
others will be refreshed.**

PROVERBS 11:25


OCTOBER 21 | GENEROUS RELATIONSHIPS

Think about the places where you spend your time. Some ideas: home, work, neighborhood, school, church, gym. Pick one person from one of these places and reach out to them this week.

OCTOBER 22 | GENEROUS RELATIONSHIPS

Ask someone in your life if you
can join them in an activity
they're passionate about today or
this week—something you haven't
tried before.

OCTOBER 23 | GENEROUS RELATIONSHIPS



*Attention is the rarest and
purest form of generosity.*

Simone Weil
French essayist and philosopher




OCTOBER 24 | GENEROUS RELATIONSHIPS

Make some space
to be with Jesus today.

Some ideas: Go for a walk and
talk to Him, Let your Bible flop
open and read, meditate on how
you've been forgiven.

OCTOBER 25 | GENEROUS RELATIONSHIPS



You are imperfect, you are wired for struggle, but you are worthy of love and belonging.

Brené Brown
American researcher and storyteller



OCTOBER 26 | GENEROUS RELATIONSHIPS

Today, ask God for courage and awareness so that tomorrow, you can look for someone at church who is sitting alone, and ask if you can join them. Invite them to lunch or coffee.

GENEROUS LEADERSHIP

WEEK 5 | OCTOBER 27–NOVEMBER 2

OCTOBER 27 | GENEROUS LEADERSHIP


In everything I [Paul] have shown you [the Ephesian church] that, by working hard, we must help the weak. In this way we remember the Lord Jesus' words: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

ACTS 20:35

OCTOBER 28 | GENEROUS LEADERSHIP

Today, take a moment to
encourage someone by
recognizing a strength
you see in them.

OCTOBER 29 | GENEROUS LEADERSHIP



*The most common way people
give up their power is by
thinking they don't have any.*

Alice Walker

American novelist and short-story writer



OCTOBER 30 | GENEROUS LEADERSHIP

Take my [Jesus'] yoke upon
you and learn from me, for
I am gentle and humble in
heart, and you will find rest
for your souls. For my yoke is
easy and my burden is light.

MATTHEW 11:29-30

OCTOBER 31 | GENEROUS LEADERSHIP

Fill in the blanks below and post it somewhere.

I am a leader who can *[ability/skill]*
and who deeply cares about *[value]*.



I am a leader who can



and who deeply cares about



NOVEMBER 1 | GENEROUS LEADERSHIP

Consider the different ways you lead. Some ideas: in your family, at work, in school, with friends, in volunteer roles, at church.

Which areas bring you the most joy, and which ones give you the greatest opportunities to grow?

NOVEMBER 2 | GENEROUS LEADERSHIP

**Pray for the leaders in your life:
friends, family, workplace,
neighborhood, city, country,
church, and beyond.**