

# GREATER THINGS

WEEK 1 // OBSTACLES TO GENEROSITY  
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You were created to be a giver.

“For God so loved the world that he **gave** his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” *John 3:16*

Giving doesn’t come naturally.

Let us think of ways to **motivate** one another to acts of love and good works. *Hebrews 10:24*

**Command** those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. **Command** them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be **generous** and willing to share. *1 Timothy 6:17-18*

1. We are selfish.

2. We are mistaken about the purpose of money.

3. We believe lies about money.

4. We are short - sighted.

God cares about everyone.

And God will **generously** provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to **share** with **others**. *2 Corinthians 9:8*

“God prospers me not to raise my standard of living, but to raise my standard of giving.” — Randy Alcorn

Money is an instrument of blessing.

Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be **generous**. *2 Corinthians 9:11*

Money will never make you happy or significant.

Those who love money will never have enough. How **meaningless** to think that wealth brings true happiness! *Ecclesiastes 5:10*

“I have made many millions, but they have brought me no happiness.” — John D. Rockefeller

“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; **life** does not consist in an abundance of **possessions**.” *Luke 12:15*

Think long - term.

But we are citizens of **heaven**, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. *Philippians 3:20*

By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the **future** so that they may experience true life. *1 Timothy 6:19*

“But store up for yourselves treasures in **heaven**, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.” *Matthew 6:20*

“I judge all things only by the price they shall gain in eternity.”  
— John Wesley

**What** or **when** are you living for?

To further explore and apply this message with your small group, visit **[eclife.org/groups](http://eclife.org/groups)** to access this week’s group discussion questions.

## EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

*Full list of events and registration is available at [eclife.org](http://eclife.org)’s EVENTS page*

### Outreach Opportunity

Through November 3, collect hats and gloves for our local outreach partners to pass out to families in need and drop them off in the metal collection bins in the lobby.

### VERB

Designed to help 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students connect with God and with one another, each month’s VERB focuses on a different theme that will help students grow in their relationship with Jesus. Students will experience a friendly, welcoming environment that is both fun and encouraging.

When: Sunday, October 27, 6:00pm

Where: Greenwood Campus E-Café & Auditorium

### The 1824

Join us for an environment created specifically for young adults: 18\* to 24 years old. Each month, we gather for worship, teaching, and a chance to chat with others facing similar unique life experiences.

When: Thursday, October 31, 7:00pm

Where: Greenwood Campus Fieldhouse

*\*18-year-old attendees must be graduated seniors.*

### Impact 101

Did you know that God has given you—yes YOU!—unique talents and abilities? Maybe it’s making others feel welcome, brewing up a perfect cup of coffee, teaching kids, or knowing the ins and outs of production. No matter your gift, the Impact Team has a spot for you! Connect with us at Impact 101, your first step to joining the Impact Team. Learn more and register at [eclife.org/impact-101](http://eclife.org/impact-101). (Childcare is provided.)

When: Monday, November 11, 6:30pm

*Registration is required.*

### Middle School Retreat

A day designed just for middle school students, including games, food, fun, and an encouraging message. Students not currently attending a church can come as your guest for free. Visit [eclife.org/events](http://eclife.org/events) to register.