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Household Resources



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Intro

This pack is designed to help you ponder what generosity means for you at this time. We know that God blesses us with households and families of all shapes and sizes.

Throughout this resource pack we will refer to families, households and individuals. Please use whichever term you feel most comfortable with. We've tried to ensure that you can use this as an individual, household or family and we hope that you find these resources helpful.

The aim of this exercise is that it helps you set goals and bring awareness to what you value individually and/or as a household and to find common themes and statements.

We would hope that this statement planner and other activities provide a filter for you to run your ideas through and to consider how different investments of time and money affect you and your household.

By learning to ask questions like the one below you can have an open chat around mission, investment and how we can operate well as a household.

“Does this fit within my/our Mission Statement?”

“Is this something we want to invest in?”

“Who does this decision affect?”

This is not something that has to remain the same forever, it could be something you do each year as a way of deciding what you want to focus on. We hope that by the end of this exercise you will be able to have a sentence or a few that help explain who you are, what you value and where you are going to invest your time, money and resources. That being said, please feel free to use as much or as little of the guidance. This is just intended to be a helpful guide so use what is helpful to you.

If you are doing this as an individual then we would encourage you to think through this exercise with a close friend. If you are working through this resource as a household we would suggest that you discuss with them the goals you have in mind when completing this exercise and why you think it will be helpful.



Session One
Thanksgiving



Begin with Thanksgiving

Hands, Home & Heart

"I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips."

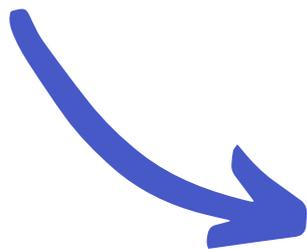
Psalm 34: 1 - NIV

As we prepared the resources for Generous June we have been reminded by God through Paul's letters that grace and thanksgiving are inherently linked to how we see and live out generosity.

The focus for the whole of June is to look at how grace, gratitude and generosity are linked so please feel free to access any of the other resources that we have created by visiting generousjune.org.

In session one we will begin by giving thanks for what God has already given us.

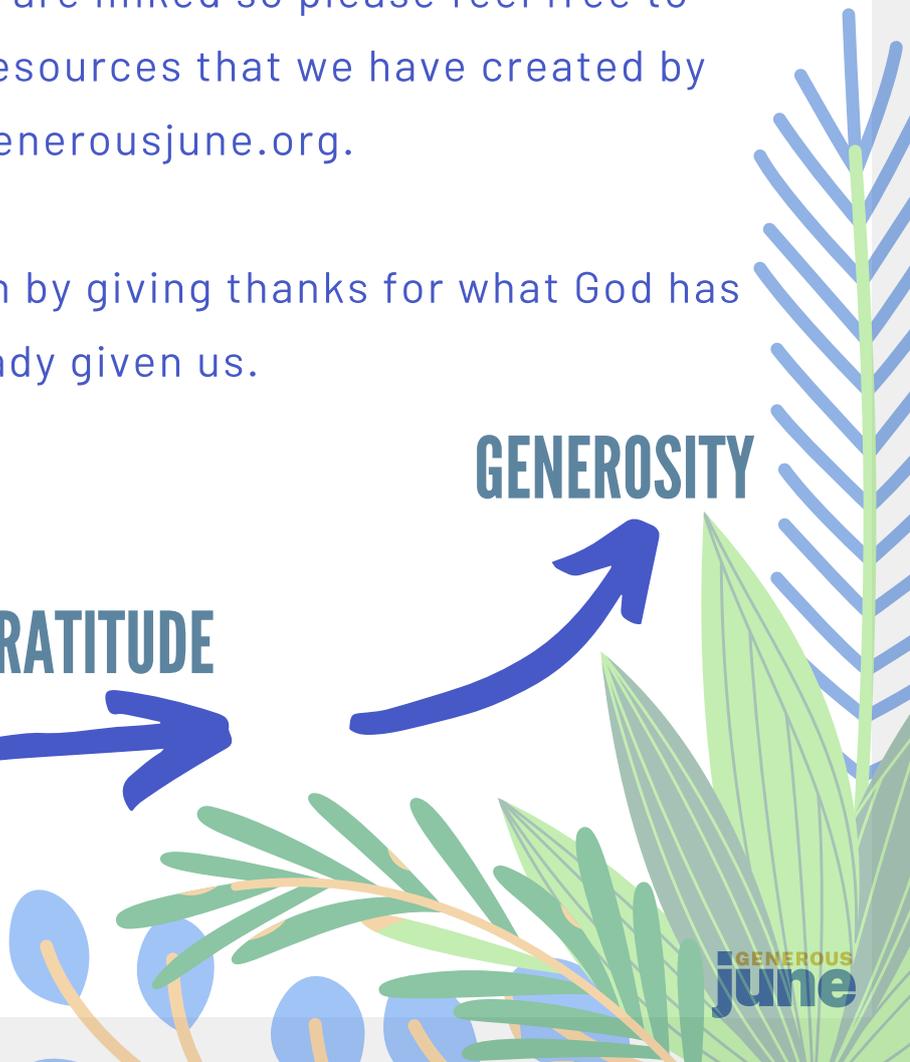
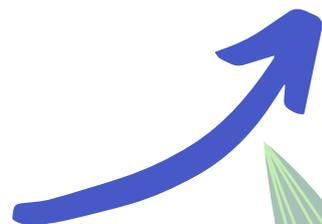
GRACE



GRATITUDE



GENEROSITY



Begin with Thanksgiving

Hands, Home & Heart



As we prepared the resources for Generous June we have been reminded by God through Paul's letters that grace and gratitude are linked to how we see and live out generosity. We would encourage you to pause and reflect on all that God has given you and give thanks to him for those blessings. You might find it a helpful filter to consider these three areas

HANDS HOME HEART

Give thanks for three things in each area. When you think about what these three areas use, them as a lens to filter your gratitude through.

HANDS: consider what you put your hands to: your work? Whose hand do you hold? Are you artistic or musical? These are all things to be grateful for.

HOME: consider what about it you love: the garden? The paint colour on the walls? What it represents to you? Can you thank God for his provision?

HEART: Consider what passions you have for a group, activity or project. Is there something God has put on your heart?

Use the next page to write down what you are thankful for

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Session Two

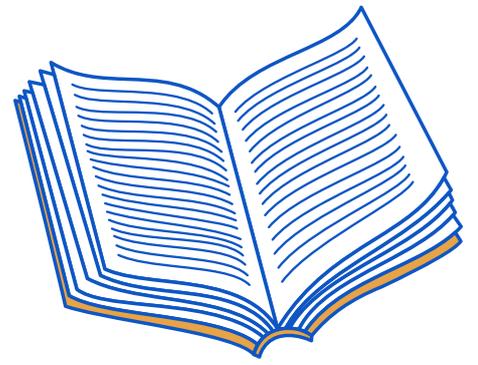
Who are we?



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Reading



Before you look at the 5 questions on the next page. Spend some time reading one of the passages below. As you read them think about what stands out to you. Is there any specific passage that resonates with you? What gifts do you think you have been given?

The gifts that we were given is that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Ephesians 4: 11-13 (NSV)

Matthew 25:14-30 (NSV)

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Questions



What would you hope your friends say about you when you're not around? (they are: kind, patient, generous, fun)

How do you hope to make others feel? (welcomed, encouraged, equipped, safe)

What behaviour is important to you? (listening, learning, reading, exercise)

How do we make time for important relationships? Household meal? Share a meal with friends? Family night? Date night? Walk and talk?

What problem do you see in the world, your community that you would like to help solve?

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Questions



Use this space to write down any thoughts about who you are and who you want to be.



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Session Three

MISSION STATEMENT



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Activity

MISSION STATEMENT PLANNER



In this session we want you to start to think about what you want your Mission statement to be. Think about what represents the passion and calling God has put on your life and your household. It could be one short sentence or it could take up a whole page.

To live a generous life we need to have a missional focus. Jesus was very clear that we are all called to be his representatives. We read Bible verses like the one below, but we can struggle to work out what that means for our everyday lives and those we live with.

We hope this exercise will help you practically think about who and what you and your household are called to. There is room on the next page for your ideas.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," - Matthew 28:18 NSV

Here are some statements to help get you started.

I (insert your name) am passionate about ...

I believe.... I am committed to doing and seeing....

If you are doing this as a household you could begin with WE are the (insert household name)

WE are passionate about....

WE believe....

WE are committed to doing

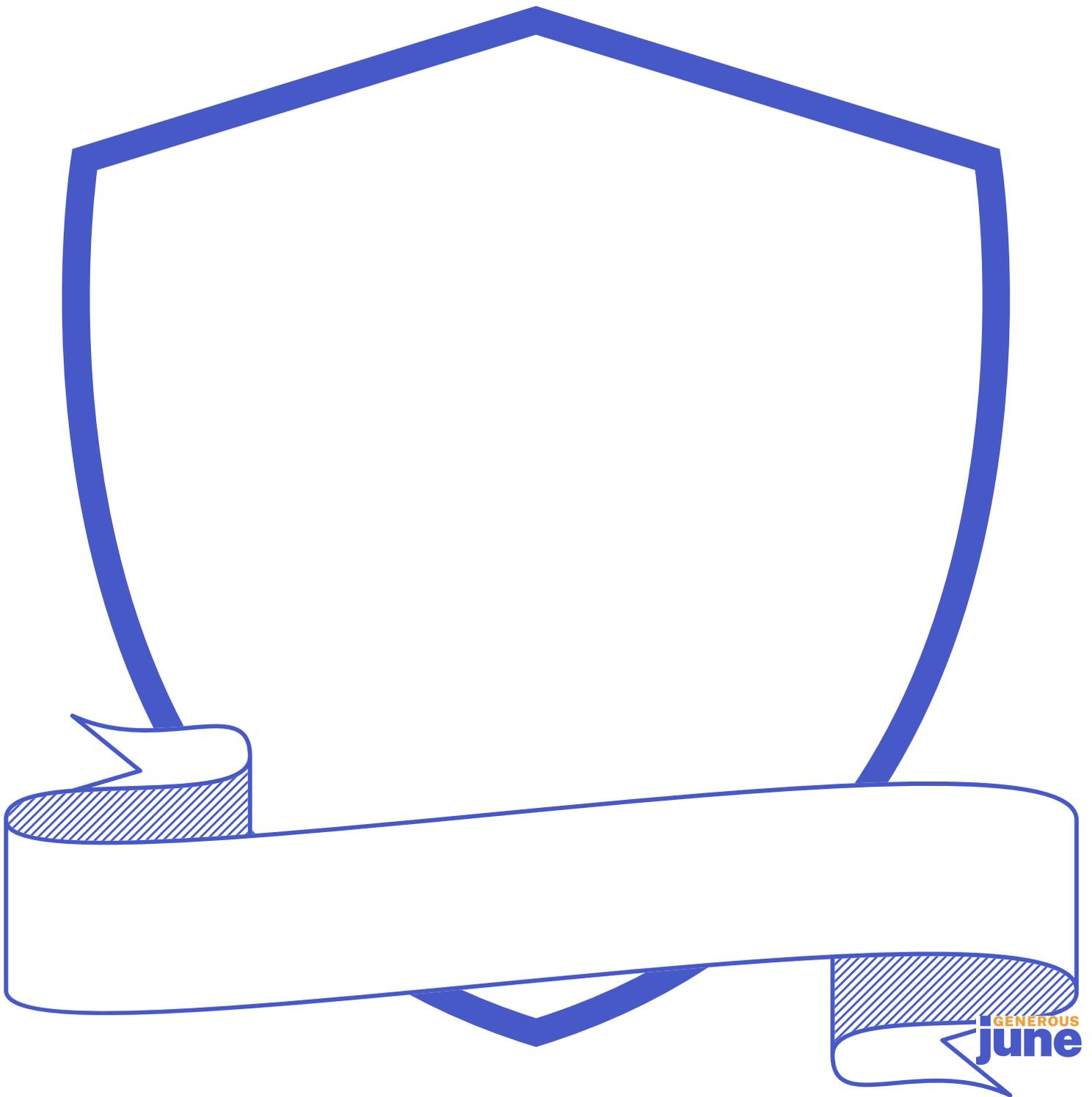
WE are committed to seeing

Activity



CREATE A SHIELD

If you want to create a visual representation of your mission statement why not design a household shield? Picture what your shield could have on it. What words do you want to include? If you have children in your household you could get them involved in planning and designing your shield.





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Session Four

ACTION



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Action

LET'S DO
SOMETHING



In this final session we are going to look at ways to practically live generous lives.

From June 21-27th we are hosting a BE GENEROUS week-long challenge.

Each day we will encourage you to show generosity in different ways in your community, workplace, school and home.

For more ways to get involved visit

generousjune.org

Action

LET'S DO
SOMETHING



How can we show Generosity to each other tangibly?

BE GENEROUS
7 Day Challenge

-  **1**
Self care
-  **2**
Buy Local
-  **3**
Your street
-  **4**
The Environment
-  **5**
Your work place or School
-  **6**
Our Hospitals
-  **7**
Your Church

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Action

LET'S DO
SOMETHING



How can we show Generosity to each other tangibly?

Ideas

- Plan a date night or meal with friends
- Choose to listen first
- Share our toys
- Say thank you and be grateful
- Write an encouraging note
- Ask how someone else is doing
- Share a skill with someone

Prayer

Let's Pray Together



Ask that God will continue to reveal to you all the resources he has blessed you with. Pray that you will be able to reveal Jesus in your community, family, household, workplace and at school by choosing to live a generous life for Jesus together.

Amen