



2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

GENEROUS
june

Senior Resource



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Intro

"...He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God."

- 2 Corinthians 9 v 11 - The Message

As our stage of life changes so do the things we have at our disposal: time, finances, capacity etc. When we think about generosity it is easy to think about what we aren't able to do. We would encourage you to give those things to God in prayer. God can deal with our disappointments and our celebrations. We can live a generous life at every stage, but it will look different for everyone. As you work through this resource please use what is useful and leave what is not.

CIYD have kindly allowed us to use and adapt the resource they created called Live to Give there full resource can be found at ireland.anglican.org/resources/524/live-to-give-youth-resource

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."

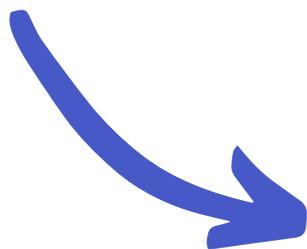
Psalm 34: 1 - NRSV

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.

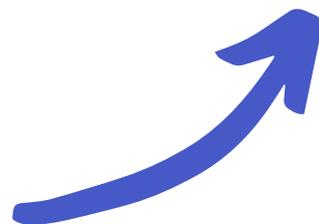
GRACE



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

We know it may be difficult to find things to be thankful for in all these areas, especially if we are processing disappointments and grief. We would encourage you to pray through those painful realities and experiences and ask God to show you things to be thankful for in the midst of those.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Begin with Thanksgiving

Hands, Home & Heart



Give thanks for Three things in each area. When you think about these three areas use them as a lenses 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



Begin with Thanksgiving

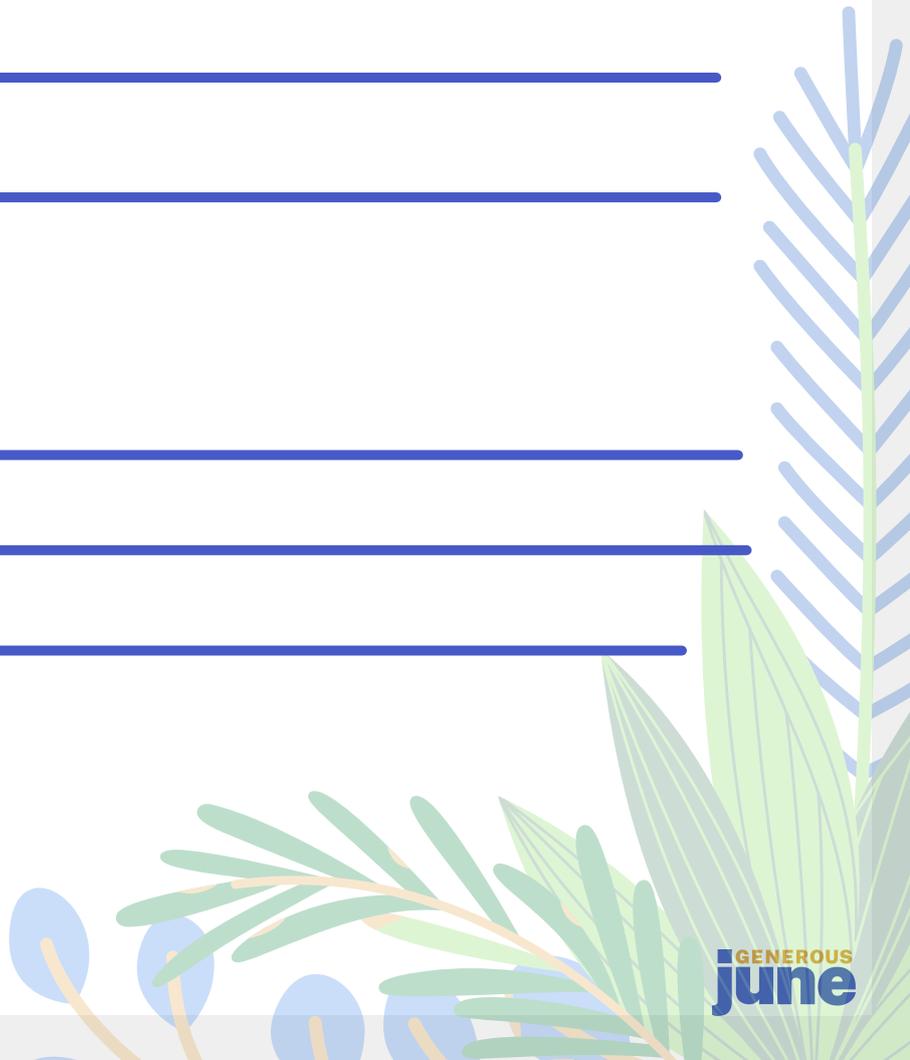
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Psalm 34: 1 - NIV





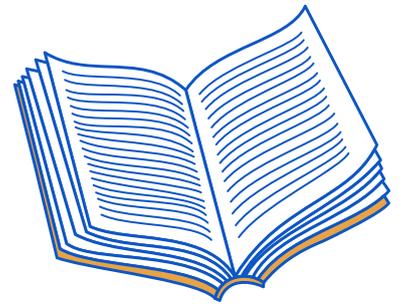






Session Two
Who are we?

Reading



Before you look at the 5 questions on the next page spend some time reading 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?

Verses on Grace

2 Corinthians 8:7-16

2 Timothy 1:8-10

Ephesians 4:7-13

Verses on Generosity

Matthew 14:13-21

Matthew 25:14-30

1 John 3: 16-24

Use the next page for thoughts and reflections **GENEROUS June**

Notes



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Stage of Life



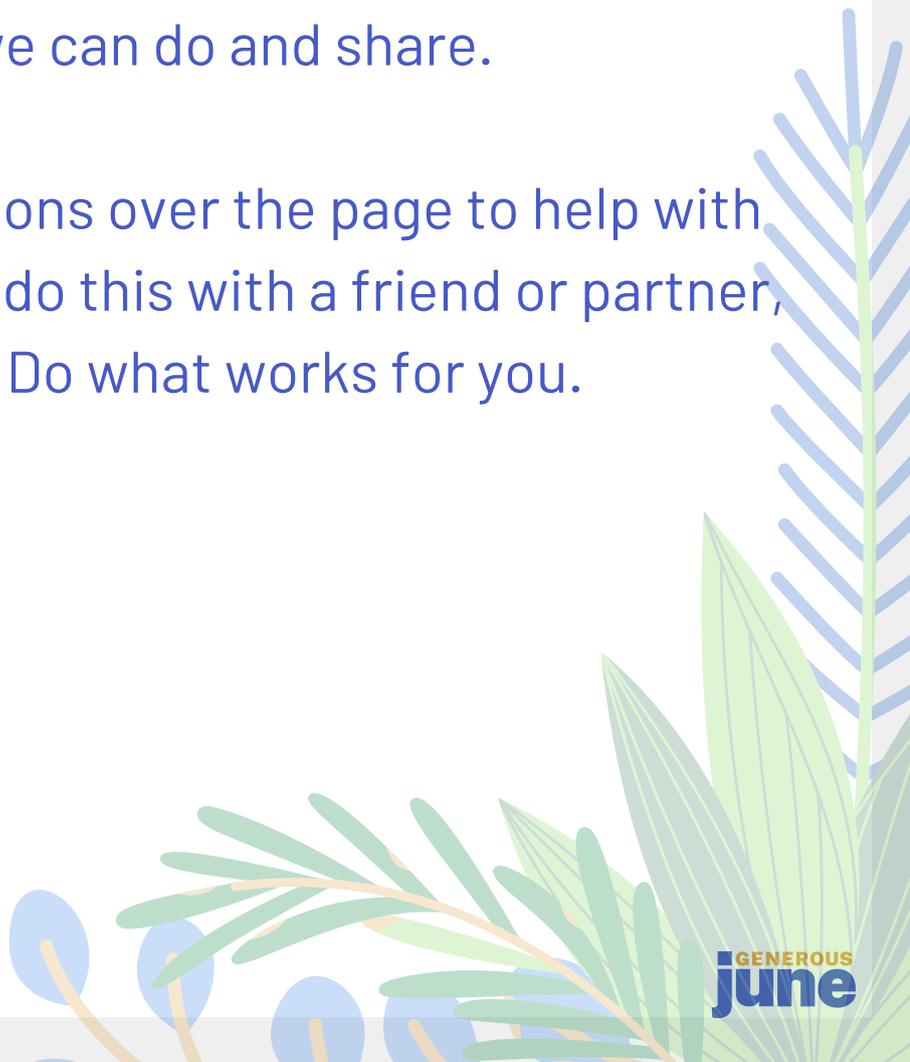
Lets also consider our stage of life

What stage of life do you think you are in?

Is it what you hoped for?

Spend some time looking at the stage of life we are at and what we can do and share.

We have some questions over the page to help with that process. You can do this with a friend or partner, or individually. Do what works for you.



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Questions



What do people see when they look at our life?

What is your legacy? What will your legacy be? What do people know about you and what is important to you?

What are you investing in/who are you investing in? (Foodbank, Helping or Discipling others)

Can you identify any resource that you have (Home? Time? Money? Wisdom? Energy? Skill?)

When you think about gratitude who do you think of?

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Session Three

Adventure

Activity

LET'S HAVE AN ADVENTURE



When we think about generosity, we don't always think about the adventure. Here are a few examples of people that lived a generous life that was and is an adventure – they dared to do it!

Captain Tom is an excellent example of a generous life. He took a challenging situation and the Covid lockdown. He worked within the country's restrictions and physical capacity and did something unique. He raised a staggering £32.7 million in the run-up to his 100th birthday. You can read more about his incredible story here. www.captaintom.org Captain Tom is a wonderful example of someone who made an incredible difference, but there are lots of people we can look at for inspiration.

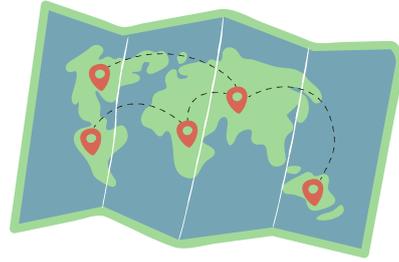
Sir David Attenborough at age 95 is continually leaving a legacy of discovery and modelling, being a constant learner and explorer.

Dolly Parton is another example of someone who, at age 75, continues to grow and leaves a legacy of generosity. Over the years, she has invested in literacy and education; she launched the Imagination Library that provides a book once a month to children from birth until they start school. She has responded to and raised funds for natural disasters, education more recently during the Covid pandemic. She donated to help aid the research and development of the Moderna vaccine.

All these people are known for a variety of reasons. They used the opportunities they have and still have to make a difference and leave a legacy.

Activity

**LET'S HAVE AN
ADVENTURE**



On the next page, you will see a blank chart ready for you to complete. This is designed to help you think about the skills and resources you have at your disposal that you might want to invest in.

We by no means think we will have covered every possible category so please feel free to add in what you see fit. Please tick the boxes that are relevant to you.

Activity

LET'S HAVE AN
ADVENTURE



<u>Talents/ Skills</u>	<u>I'm good at/ interested in (tick)</u>	<u>How can I use this at my Church?</u>	<u>How can I use this in my Community?</u>	<u>How can I use this in my Family?</u>
Working with children (sports team, Sunday school)				
Technical skills/social media etc				
Teaching/leading				
Organisational skills				
Cooking				
Practical skills – able to build/repair				

Talents/Skills

I'm good at/
interested in
(tick)

How can I use
this at my
Church?

How can I use
this in my
Community?

How can I use
this in my
Family?

Welcoming/
encouraging

Artistic/
creative

Business skills

Working with
the vulnerable
or elderly

Financial
resources

Other

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Session Four

Action

Action

LET'S DO
SOMETHING



Discuss with a friend or family member where you want to invest your time and talents and treasure based on what you have discovered.

Is there a generosity adventure that you want to start?

Another way you can leave a legacy is by writing a will. Have you got one? Have you considered leaving a gift to your church and or charity so that you can continue to make a difference? It is important that you get appropriate advice about writing a will. You can get some good guidance here www.citizensadvice.org.uk/family/death-and-wills/wills/

Alternatively, the church of England guidance can be found here

www.churchofengland.org/resources/building-generous-church/enabling-giving/giving-mechanisms/legacy

Use the next page to write down your ideas

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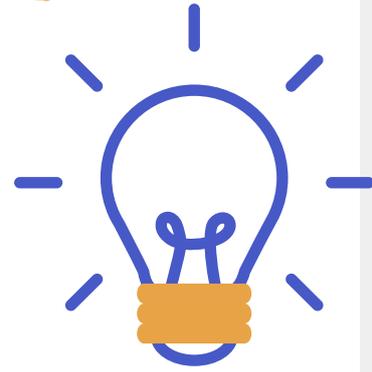
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Prayer

“God, we thank you for your goodness to us and that you invite us to play our part in Your Story. We thank you that you trust us with this incredible task of showing your love to the world and that we don’t have to do this alone, but that we do it through your power working within us. We ask that you would fill us with the faith and courage that we need to live generous lives that show your love in action to people both here at home and around the world. Amen.”

Action

LET'S DO
SOMETHING



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

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

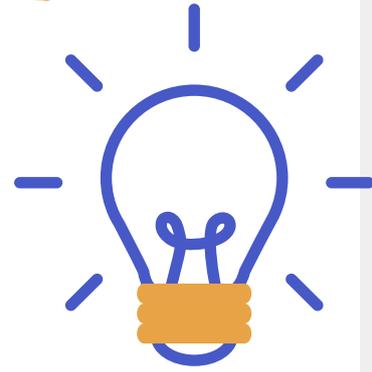
Each day we will encourage you to show generosity in different ways in your community, workplace, school and home.

For more ways to get involved visit

Generousjune.org

Action

LET'S DO
SOMETHING



June 21- 27th

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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BE GENEROUS

7 Day Challenge

Look for ways to show God's love & generosity practically to those around you.

Here are some ideas

Shop locally to encourage an entrepreneur in your area

Help someone in need

Leave a card for your neighbour

Plant a tree or help with a community garden project

Do chores around the house



Share with us how you got involved