



Counterintuitive Kingdom: More Blessed To Give Than Receive

John Bodily – 07 June 2026 ([watch talk here](#))

John concluded the series on the counterintuitive Kingdom of God by looking at seven reasons why we are more blessed to give than receive (recapped below). John encouraged us that when we live generously, our perspective and attitude towards resources shifts: we no longer see ourselves as owners of what we have, but as stewards of God's resources that he has entrusted to us. Our God is a generous God, who gave the most precious, selfless and sacrificial gift of all - his son Jesus. Therefore, as we express his generosity to others, our generous acts point people to what God is like. In this way, the gospel comes packaged in generosity.

Reason	Key verses
It's a means of worship	Hebrews 13: 15-16
It's a means of expressing obedience	1 Timothy 6: 17-19
It's a means of expressing love	1 John 3: 17-18
It's a means of expressing gratitude	Romans 12: 1-2
We reap what we sow	2 Corinthians 9: 6-8, Deuteronomy 15: 7-8
It's an eternal investment	1 Timothy 6: 19, Luke 12: 33
It's a means of proclaiming the gospel	John 3: 16, Acts 4: 32-35

Reflect and discuss

1. What stood out to you from this talk?
2. Read the key verses together. What encouragements can you draw from these verses?
3. Share experiences of giving generously or being in receipt of someone else's generosity. How were you and/or others blessed through being generous?

Share & Pray

Where is God inviting you to grow in generosity:

- as an act of worship and gratitude;
- to express love and proclaim the gospel; or
- to invest in God's Kingdom and grow as a disciple?

Spend time in smaller groups sharing your responses and praying for one another. Check back in with one another next time about how this is going.

Activate

Consider how you might respond to God's invitation to grow in generosity:

- How will you express generosity as an act of worship and gratitude?
- Who is God inviting you to bless this week through gifts or acts of service?
- How might you build habits and practices to become more generous?