

Introduction

# Generosity

Generosity  
Discipleship  
Experience

*Cultivating a Lifestyle of Generosity*





*“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”*

- Winston Churchill

## Welcome to the Generosity Discipleship Experience!

We are excited that you're joining us in this continuing and growing experience of generosity. We believe, and have experienced this ourselves, that generosity is infectious and can change the world. We are inspired by our dream (vision),

*“We envision a world of Generous Generations from diverse backgrounds, who recognize the needs in their communities and instinctively unite to address them. We imagine a global movement of children, youth, and young adults, who model the love of Christ through the transformative impact of Biblical generosity.”*

# A generosity experience

The *Generosity Discipleship Experience* (GDE) is not a training or teaching about generosity but a whole life experience.

The GDE *challenges* you to move beyond just charity and charitable causes now and then. It brings a Kingdom perspective and *guides* you toward a lifestyle of generosity, addressing the needs of the world. The name says it all.

- **Generosity** originates in God's heart and leads to a life of freedom and liberation within His Kingdom.
- **Discipleship** is to be guided and to guide others in a lifestyle of generosity, following Jesus as the ultimate example of God's generosity.
- **Experience** involves your head (thinking), heart (feelings), and hands (doing) and brings the know-how to be inspired, learn, adapt, and grow through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



Heart



Head



Hands

# A lifestyle of generosity

The *GDE – Cultivating a Lifestyle of Generosity* contains **six focuses** within **twelve generosity experiences** to lay the basic foundation in order to live a Kingdom **lifestyle of generosity**. It helps to integrate, deepen, and expand your lifestyle of generosity to make an impact where you live and work.

**Aim** - The aim of the GDE is to guide you towards a refreshing, liberating, and joyful lifestyle of generosity.

## **Six focuses to cultivate six habits**

Each of the six focuses is explored in two experiences and will help you with the *framework* to

1. Experience God's generous love for this broken world and transform it through a lifestyle of generosity.
2. Discover how generosity breaks open God's Kingdom to others in addressing the needs of the world.
3. Define what is enough to serve others.
4. Participate, as a kingdom steward, with what you have in hand.
5. Co-create a generous environment with others, where you live, work, and play.
6. Become a multiplier of generosity experiences in other people's lives.

Each of the six focuses aims to cultivate six habits of generosity.

Why habits? Habits can be learned, practiced, and passed on to others.

The six habits to cultivate are



- **Habit 1:** Give through acts of kindness.
- **Habit 2:** Open yourself to the needs of people and the community and places where you work and live.
- **Habit 3:** Define what is enough for you to live with contentment and generosity.
- **Habit 4:** Align your time, talents, treasure and lifestyle with opportunities to serve others.
- **Habit 5:** Participate in taking care of your environment and measure the impact.
- **Habit 6:** Multiply through infectious generosity and guiding others towards a lifestyle of generosity.

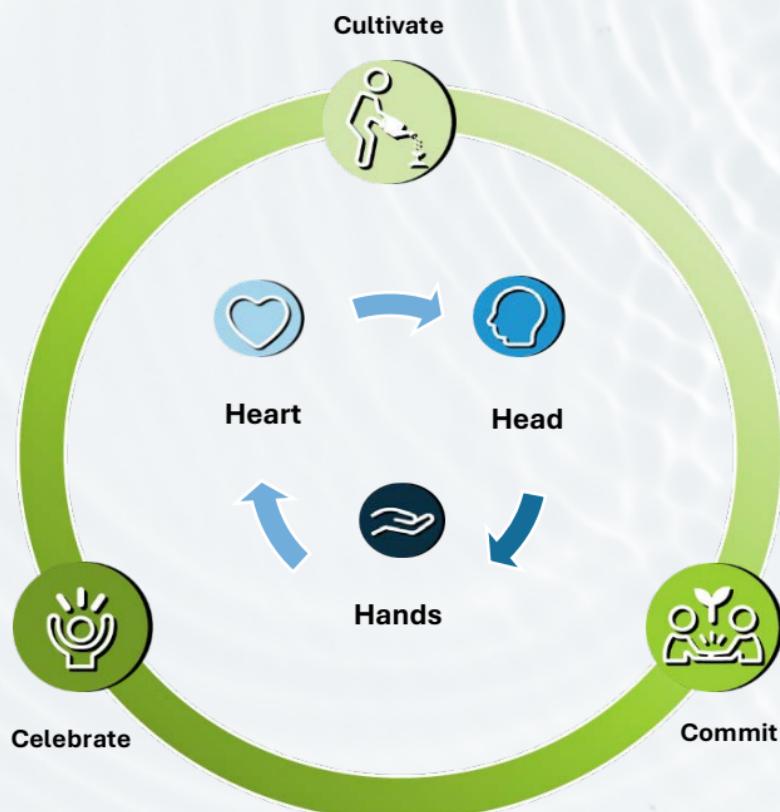
## **A Generosity Lifestyle Plan**

The framework of the six focuses also set the foundation to *develop a focused Generosity Lifestyle Plan.*



With the use of videos, stories, Scripture, sharing, reflection, prayer, and action plans you will be guided to

1. to **cultivate** six habits of generosity to address the needs of the world,
2. to **commit** to a lifestyle change aligning with the habits, and
3. to **celebrate** through obedient actions.



# A guide to the GDE

The GDE is designed as a straightforward and self-explanatory tool to guide you through the twelve generosity experiences. It doesn't need a specially trained "generosity specialist" to use the tool.

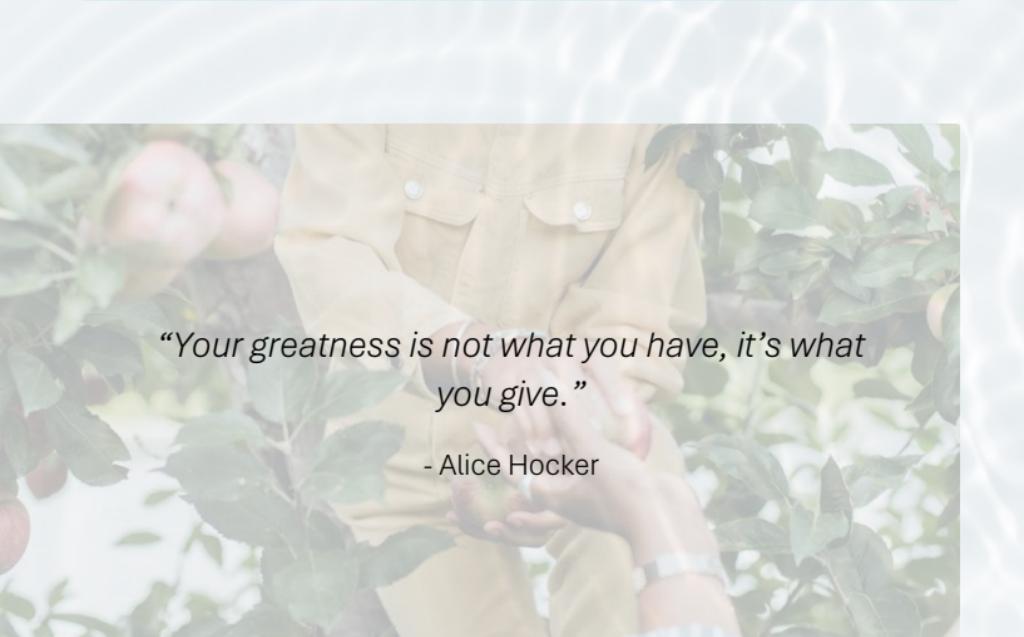
The GDE only needs curious people who are willing to learn and grow through generosity experiences and to just keep on doing that.

Keep the following in mind during the GDE

- The success of any process lies in what **you put into it**. What you invest in terms of time, focus, reflecting, practice and sharing will determine the benefit you will get from the experience.
- It will always be best to go through the experience and to learn **with others**. If you do it on your own, find one or two people you can share your experience with.
- **Do not rush** through the experiences. This is not a weekend course to go through. Give yourself enough time to integrate the experience into your lifestyle. The challenge is not just to get the knowledge, but to measure the outcomes of the actions.
- **Work** your *Generosity Lifestyle Plan!*
- **Share** your experiences with others!
- The most important desire we have for you, is that you **enjoy** the experience and find fulfilment through generosity.

With the GDE as tool and your own generosity experiences in hand you can become **an infectious generosity multiplier.**

The tool is free, the experience is liberating – there are no limitations to being a generosity multiplier!

A person in a tan shirt is reaching up towards an apple hanging from a tree branch. The background is filled with green leaves and other apples.

*“Your greatness is not what you have, it’s what you give.”*

- Alice Hocker

**NB! All the Scriptures and the Video clips in the Experiences are hyperlinked. Just click on the Scripture and Name of the Video.**