

Experience 2

Generosity

A gift from God's heart (2)

Generosity
Discipleship
Experience




Recap



The aim of experience 1 and 2 is to **cultivate the habit of giving through acts of kindness.**

Share stories from Experience 1: *Habit 1 – Give through acts of kindness.*

- Share some of your experiences of acts of kindness after Experience 1.
- What inspires you when you see or hear about others' experiences?

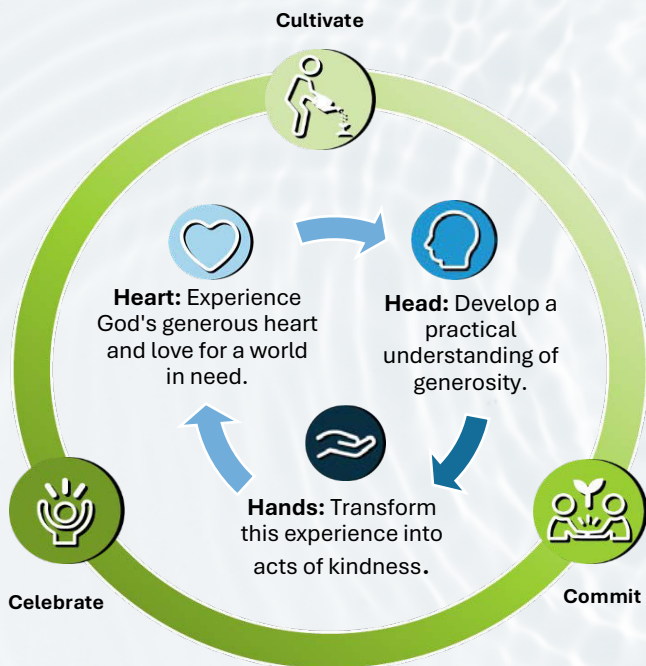


“It is the heart that does the giving; the fingers only let go.”

- Nigerian Proverb

A Gift from God

We continue our focus on *Generosity as a Gift from God*.



Experience 2 will guide you in a deeper experience, understanding and commitment towards a lifestyle of generosity. You will be guided in the following:

- To *develop* a working definition of generosity for you to be generous.
- To *integrate* your experiences and learnings of Experience 1 and 2 into your *Generosity Lifestyle Plan*.

A practical definition of generosity



Watch: [*What does generosity mean to you?*](#)

Listen to the different views people have on practical generosity.

- What did you experience and learn from this video clip about how people see generosity in everyday life?



Reflection: Reflect on the following definition of generosity.

“Generosity is the tangible manifestation of God’s love to a hurting world.”

A practical definition of generosity



Read: the story of the Macedonian believers in [2 Corinthians 8:1-9](#)

Think about the experience of the givers and receivers in this story.

- What difference did this generosity experience make to their hearts, heads and hands?
- How do you want to make the experience of this story part of your life as a receiver and as a giver?



Reflection: Write a one-sentence definition of generosity that will help you to be generous and to explain to others how you understand generosity.

(Example: Generosity is to share God's generous heart with other people through my lifestyle of giving, caring, and supporting what has been entrusted to me.)

Generosity Lifestyle and Habits



My lifestyle commitment (What?):

1. **Define** what must change in your lifestyle to be generous.
 - What is the one thing you are going to commit to do differently?
 - How and what are you going to do to stay with your commitments?



Habit to cultivate: Habit 1 - Give through acts of kindness.

- **Decide** on one simple act of kindness you are going to start with this week. (What, where and when are going to do it?)
- **Share:** *The person with whom I'm going to share what I have experienced and learned is...*
- **Pray:** *My prayer for the following week will be...*

My Generosity Lifestyle Plan

Generosity Habit 1

Give through acts of kindness.

Integrate your experiences and learnings of Experience 1 and 2 into your Generosity Lifestyle



Cultivate a focus of generosity

My Lifestyle Focus (*Why?*)

I understand generosity as ...

My Generosity Lifestyle Plan



Commit to a change in lifestyle

My lifestyle change for the Next 3-6 Months
(What?):

*I see God's generous heart playing out in my life
like this...*



Celebrate through obedient actions:

My Plan for the next 3-6 months:

(How, Where, When and Accountability)