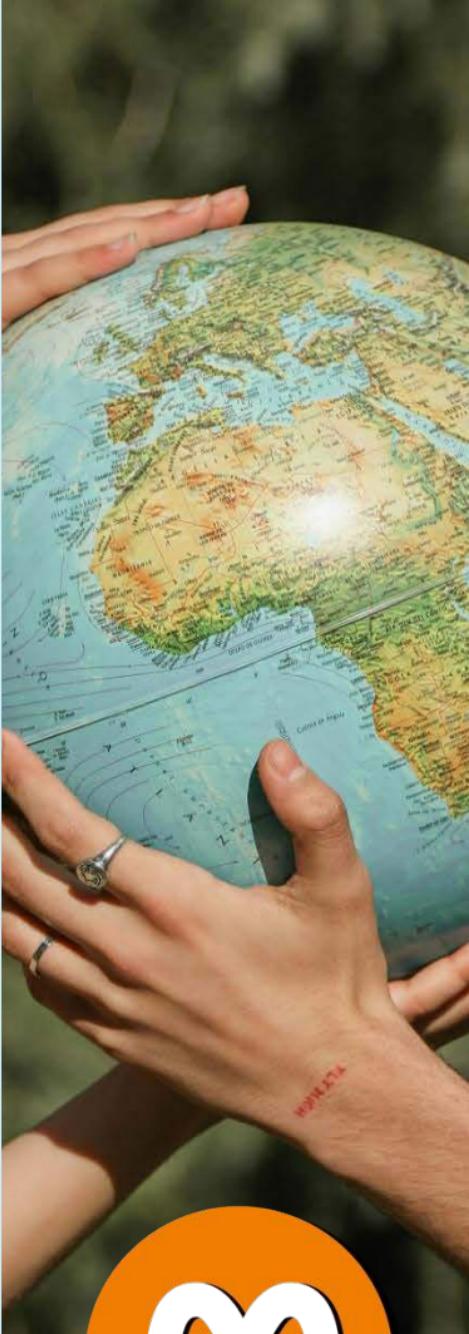


Experience 3

Generosity

A radical kingdom lifestyle (1)

Generosity
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Experience



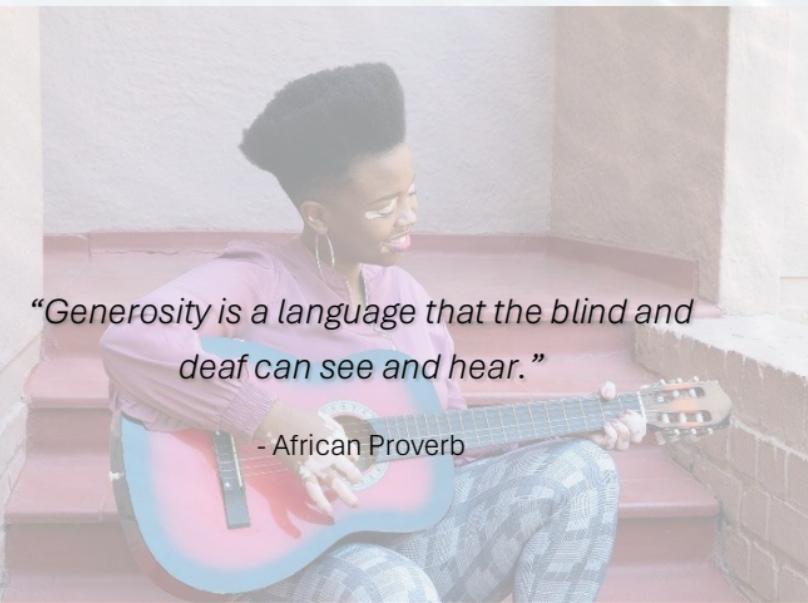
Recap



Share stories from Experience 1 and 2: *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?

The aim of this experience is to ***open yourself to the need of people and the community and places where you work and live.***



“Generosity is a language that the blind and deaf can see and hear.”

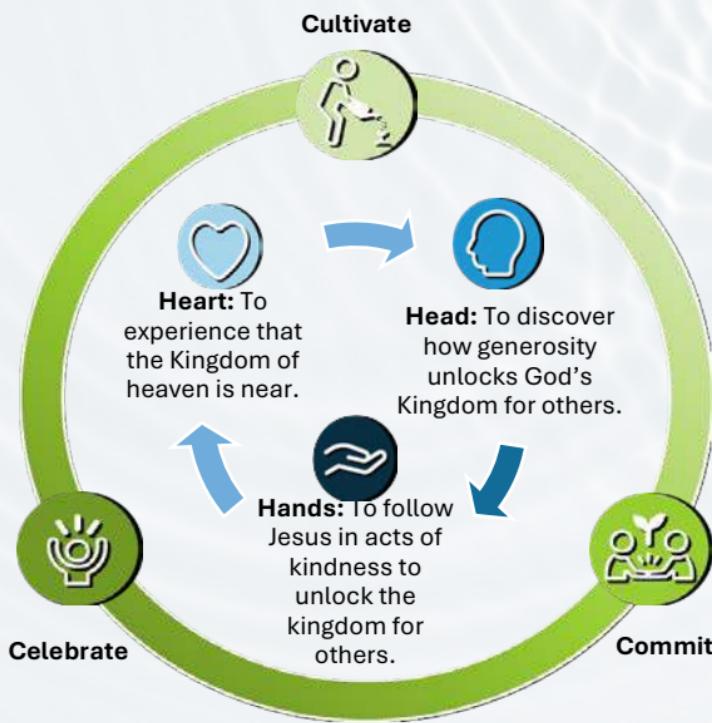
- African Proverb

Context of Generosity

Generosity does not function in a vacuum, nor is it determined by our own circumstances or efforts. We've experienced that generosity is a gift from God's heart. God's gift is extended to us through the invitation to enter His kingdom. His kingdom is our inheritance which has been prepared for us since the creation of the world ([Matthew 25:34](#)).

Experience 3 and 4 will take you a bit deeper into the context in which generosity functions – **the context of the Kingdom of God**. The context of the Kingdom of God is a radical context – an “upside-down theology.” The Kingdom of God is near – it becomes part of our thinking (head), feelings (heart), and doing (hands).

This experience focuses on Generosity as a “*Radical Kingdom Lifestyle*.”



A Radical Kingdom Lifestyle



Imagine sitting with Jesus on a hill or on the highest building, looking at your community, and talking with Him about your community.

- What do you want to tell Jesus about your community?
- What are some of the things that Jesus might want to show you that He would like to change?
- What do you feel and think about what Jesus has shown you?



[Watch: This Is Who the Kingdom of God Starts With, Sermon on the Mount](#)

What did you experience and learn from this video clip regarding the new radical Kingdom realm that came to earth referring to the ...

- Crowd who are the chosen servants?
- A new realm they bring where generosity reigns?
- A Jesus-style revolution?
- Radical effect (transformation) they bring?
- Three images (salt, light, city) describing their role and purpose?



Read: [Matthew 5:1-16, Matthew 10:1; 7-8](#)

- What do you experience and learn about the radical nature of the Kingdom?
- My answer to God regarding this radical Kingdom lifestyle is ...



Watch: [“The Grace of Giving”](#)

What inspires me in this story is ...

My answer to the Lord is...

Generosity Lifestyle and Habits



My lifestyle commitment (What?):

- **Make a list** of the different faces of need (physical, emotional, economic, social, systemic, spiritual needs in your community where you live. (See also the notes you took while talking with Jesus.

- **Pray into the list of needs:** Decide when and how you are going to pray through your list.

Generosity Lifestyle and Habits



Habit 2: Open yourself to the need of people and the community and places where you work and live.

1. **Decide** on one or two needs and opportunities you are going to explore further.
 - From your list, which needs of the people and the community stand out to you?
 - What opportunities do you see to serve and bless others generously?
 - How are you going to explore it further?
 - Discuss with someone about some of the needs and opportunities you have identified.
2. **Share:** The person with whom I'm going to share what I have experienced and learned is ...
3. **Pray** [Proverbs 3:27-28](#) (NIV) as an answer to God.

“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, “Come back tomorrow and I’ll give it to you”—when you already have it with you.”