



Evaluation: Generosity

We have created a brief assessment for each spoke on The Summit Church’s “Gospel Wheel” for discipleship (Bible study and prayer, evangelism and missions, community, generosity, character). We want to help you get a snapshot of how you’re doing and identify wise focal points for growth in each of these key areas. The other evaluations can be found in a self-scoring, on-line or printable PDF version at bradhambrick.com/gospelwheel.

Instructions: Read the following descriptive statements. Mark the answer that best describes you.

(CD) Completely Disagree, (SD) Somewhat Disagree, (NS) Not Sure, (SA) Somewhat Agree, or (CA) Completely Agree

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| 1. I believe God is the provider and ultimate owner of every blessing and asset in my life. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 2. I trust that God is faithful and will provide for my needs. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 3. I understand my role with all of God’s blessings is to steward them for His purposes. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 4. My desire is to invest my life in something greater than my own life and that will outlast it. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 5. I see myself as a person with whom God has been extravagantly generous. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 6. I have the ability to be content with what God has provided. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 7. I find greater joy in giving than receiving; blessing others than being blessed. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 8. I am willing to delay gratification in order to accomplish something important. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 9. I work hard, avoid laziness, and follow through on commitments. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 10. I am willing to accept “no” as an answer to my desires. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 11. I have a realistic, intentional plan for what my income can provide (i.e., a budget). | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 12. My budget intentionally plans to spend less than I make each month. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 13. I am intentionally living at less than my optimal standard of living. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 14. My budget includes tithing 10% to the church as a baseline of generosity. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 15. I have a “Giving” line item in my budget. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 16. I know the specific people and areas of need for which I have a special compassion. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 17. I have taken time to prayerfully research how to best impact those people/needs. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 18. When I give to a ministry or organization I keep up with its impact and development. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 19. I pray for specific needs in the ministries, organizations, and people I support. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 20. I review my planned generosity at least yearly to ensure I’m passionate about the cause. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 21. I am generous with my skills and talents to bless others. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 22. I am generous with my time and open to being interrupted to care for others. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 23. I am willing to build relationships with those who are “needy.” | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 24. I listen to people’s needs and look for free things to help meet those needs. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 25. I look for opportunities to share the gospel as I give my time, talents, and money. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 26. My lifestyle of generosity creates a greater sense of being “on mission” for God. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 27. Generosity had led to a greater faith in God as provider as I’ve had to rely on Him more. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 28. Being generous has led to meaningful friendships I would not otherwise have. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 29. Generosity has helped me own my things more than my things owning me. | CD SD NS SA CA |
| 30. Generosity has helped me realize what things are eternal and what is temporary. | CD SD NS SA CA |



Key to Survey Scoring: For each set of questions tabulate your score using the following numerical values. The scoring is weighted with the “neutral” NS answer being a negative score, because if you are uncertain on one of these matters then you are not receiving the benefit God wants to provide for you.

CD – Negative 3 points

SD – Negative 2 points

NS – Negative 1 point

SA – Positive 1 points

CA – Positive 2 points

If your total score...

...**matches or exceeds the total number of questions**, then this is an area of strength.

...**is less than the total number of questions**, then this area could use attention or refinement.

...**is a negative number**, then this area should be given immediate and concentrated attention.

- Questions 1-5: (Total: _____ in 5 questions)

This set of questions examines “**the core beliefs of gospel generosity.**” Every spoke of the gospel wheel begins with knowing who God is, who we are, and what life is about. Unless we root our activities in how the Bible defines these “big questions of life” our activity will either be motivated by guilt, produce pride, or never feel like “enough.”

- Questions 6-10: (Total: _____ in 5 questions)

This set of questions examines “**the character necessary for generosity.**” Unless we embrace certain core values of Scripture, generosity will become a point of grumbling or resentment. Unless we trust God and accept what He calls “good” as good, then we are likely to see generosity as “unfair.”

- Questions 11-15: (Total: _____ in 5 questions)

This set of questions examines “**the preparation for consistent generosity.**” In order for generosity to become a lifestyle it must be rooted in a life with well-established wisdom structures. Without preparation and realistic expectations for your time and money, generosity can become an emotional reaction to big needs or causes that may not be sustainable long-term.

- Questions 16-20: (Total: _____ in 5 questions)

This set of questions examines “**the intentionality of wise generosity.**” One of God’s intended effects for our generosity is to compel us to get to know where He is working, who He is working through, and what He is doing. The research phase of generosity is an expedition for places God is doing and wants to do great things.

- Questions 21-25: (Total: _____ in 5 questions)

This set of questions examines “**the involvement that should accompany generosity.**” Generosity that is only about money is truncated generosity. Our generosity should echo the words of Paul, “Being so affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us (1 Thes 2:8).”

- Questions 26-30: (Total: _____ in 5 questions)

This set of questions examines “**the effects of generosity upon the giver.**” Generosity is a fruit of the gospel that produces more fruit in us. When we look for the impact of our generosity we should not only look outside ourselves (at others who were blessed), but inside ourselves (at the changes God produced in us).