

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take your next step.

With your Bible or YouVersion, read Acts 20:35, Proverbs 11:24-25 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-11.

In these verses we learn that the key to a blessed life is being generous in giving to others.

- Describe a time when you gave generously to someone else. How did that act of giving make you feel and what did you learn from that experience?

Read Haggai 1:5-6.

This verse illustrates the bag mindset people have towards giving—feeling like they never have enough.

- What are some of the reasons that keep you from giving generously? What can you do to overcome these excuses?

Read Deuteronomy 28:3-14.

This passage illustrates the basket mindset of knowing there is more than enough with God.

- What are some specific things that you currently have more than enough of? Think about intangible things like time or space too.
- Could you give some of those things away to someone in need? How will you go about giving these things away over the next week?

Read Proverbs 3:9-10 and Luke 16:10-13.

These verses illustrate the barn mindset and being faithful with the infinite blessings God has given us.

- Describe what generosity looks like in your life. Which mindset do you currently exhibit? Why do you think that is?
- What are some specific areas in your life that you feel God is calling you to be more generous than you have before?
- What are some specific ways that God has blessed your life? What are some changes you're willing to make to be more blessed?

NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week to help you take steps towards living a blessed life.

This week make a concentrated effort to bless someone in need—a charitable cause, a ministry, or our church. Stretch your generosity and watch how God impacts and blesses you and the recipients of your blessing. Consider giving money, resources, possessions or even your time.

Pastor Craig mentioned that Pastor Jentezen Franklin had a fourth B-word mindset in his message. Watch it online for another angle on living the blessed life. Check it out at www.jentezenfranklin.org/watch.

Use these prayer tips to guide your time with God this week to expand your conversations both in person and online:

- Thank God for all of the blessings He has given you throughout your life. Spend time praising Him.
- Have an honest conversation with God about the things keeping you from being as generous as you should. Seek His help in removing these excuses.
- Pray and ask God to stir within you the heart of a cheerful giver.
- Ask God to reveal some people or causes that He would like for you to increase your generosity towards.
- Pray for someone you know that is in need. Seek God's guidance on ways you can help them this week.
- Meditate on the story in Luke 12:13-21. Pray for a heart that is rich towards God.