

Step 1 – TRAIN

Watch the Church Generosity [Session 2 video](#), which includes teaching on the 7 Keys to Joyful Living and Giving, giving stats and facts, and cartoons.

Step 2 – DIG & DISCUSS

Each person should share at least one thing they found interesting, encouraging or enlightening from the Generous Life devotional, 7 Keys to Joyful Living and Giving video teaching, or the giving statistics and cartoons.

7 Keys to Joyful Living and Giving

1. **Submit** yourself and all you have to the Lord
2 Corinthians 8:5; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 10:39, 19:27-29
2. **Study** the Scriptures on finances/generosity
Psalm 119:37; 2 Timothy 3:17
3. **See** what God has provided (your time, talent, treasure and things)
Matthew 6:33; Ecclesiastes 2:26; Exodus 35:5; 1 Corinthians 12; 2 Corinthians 8:12
4. **Set aside** resources from God's provisions and financial blessings
1 Corinthians 16:2; Deuteronomy 14:22
5. **Systematically** give (to your church, missions, ministries and the needy)
Proverbs 3:9-10; Genesis 28:20-22; Deuteronomy 18:4; Malachi 3:8-10
6. **Spontaneously** give as the Lord leads you
Acts 4:32-37; John 6:9; Exodus 35: 21
7. **Simplify** your life to become more generous
1 Timothy 6:6-8, 17-19; Acts 4:37; Mark 14:3-5; 1 Chronicles 29:2-9

Giving Charts

1. Kluth Rule of Thirds: 1/3 give \$0, 1/3 give <\$500, and 1/3 give >\$500.
2. Today's richer Americans give less than during the Great Depression.
3. 60 percent started giving 10 percent or more in their childhood, teens or 20s.
4. Only 5-10 percent of Christians have their church or charities in their estate plans.

Step 3 – AFTER THE MEETING

- Start or complete your reading of the 40-day Generous Life devotional (available at GenerousLifeDevo.org).

NAEfinancialhealth.org 37 Best Practices & 172 Resources for PASTORS/LEADERS on CHURCH GENEROSITY	
WORSHIP SERVICES	
1	Financial/Generosity preaching (10)
2	Weekly generosity verse (5)
3	Leader's generosity prayer (8)
4	Songs on giving/generosity/serving (2)
5	Testimony or teaching videos (5)
6	Digital giving available (6)
7	Giving envelopes available (2)
8	Finance/generosity guest speaker (2)
TEACHING MATERIALS	
9	Financial courses/classes/groups (10)
10	30/40 Day generosity devotionals (3)
11	Videos on website or eNewsletters (3)
12	Flyers, cartoons, bulletin inserts (5)
13	Legacy/wills/trust initiatives (4)
DONATION ADMINISTRATION	
14	Online/EFT giving (9)
15	Digital giving text, phone APP (9)
16	Donated assets gifts-in-kind info (3)
17	Giving statements sent out (3)
18	Giving statements add'l materials (10)
19	Communicate w/new givers, etc. (1)
20	"As God Provides" projects (2)
21	Treasurer's giving report #'s report (1)
22	Policies document (3)
23	Training for pastor, staff, leaders (10)
ASSISTANCE/GUIDANCE	
24	Church family benevolence (2)
25	Community benevolence (2)
26	Budget/debt coaches/counselors (6)
27	Unemployed/underemployed help (2)
28	Financial professional referrals (2)
29	Ministry to giving leaders (5)
COLLECTIONS/CAMPAIGNS	
30	Annual stewardship emphasis (3)
31	Pastor/s appreciation offering (8)
32	Benevolence offerings (2)
33	Missions offerings (4)
34	Building or renovation projects (9)
35	Year-End giving emphasis (4)
36	"As God Provides" projects (2)
37	Community Outreach (3)

(#) = Available online best practices resources