

# Extravagant GENEROSITY

## START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Is Valentine's Day just a Hallmark holiday, to sell cards, or something more?
- What is your favorite first date story? Worst first date story?

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- John Wesley, one of the founders of the Methodist movement, lived on 30 English pounds every year for his entire life. He gave away the 2021 equivalent of \$6 million dollars in his lifetime. Does that seem too radical? Where does his idea come from? Is it doable today?
- Paul, the elder church leader, trained Timothy, a young church leader in many areas, including the wise practices of money. Read 1st Timothy 6:6-10.
- Wealth is not the goal for the Christian. What does Paul say our goal is?
- What is the root of all kinds of evil?

## START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- Paul witnessed first-hand the damage the pursuit of wealth brought into Timothy's church. One pastor summarized Paul's teaching on money like this: God doesn't want your money; God just doesn't want your money to take you.
- Read 1st Timothy 6:11
- Instead of wealth, what virtues should we pursue instead? Where have you seen great examples of justice? Godliness? Faith? Love? Patience? Gentleness?
- Read 1st Timothy 6:17-19
- Paul urges us to trust God alone, do good, and store up treasures for the future.
- What is one way you can store up a treasure this week through faith, love, justice or gentleness?

## START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Pray this series prayer out-loud and together: *Father, you are an abundant giver. There is nothing that I have that you have not given me. The way of your kingdom is the way of generosity. Help me to honor you with my resources. Free me from the deceit of riches. Lead me on the path of generosity. For your glory, Lord, for the abundance of my own life and for the sake of others. Amen.*

## START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK

- Dive deeper into the letters of 1st and 2nd Timothy with this five-day reading plan: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/99-1-2-timothy>.