



# GIVING

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## CHALLENGE

### 1. WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER (4 MINUTES)

Welcome your group to the final session of **Giving Challenge**. Celebrate what God has done over the past 5 weeks. This week's focus is on daily generosity—becoming a conduit, not a container, and letting gratitude drive the way we give every single day.

Open in prayer: thanking God for His provision, His grace, and the joy of giving.

### 2. ICEBREAKER (5 MINUTES)

**Question:** "What's your go-to takeout order and why?"

### 3. WATCH THE VIDEO: "GIVING TODAY – TRADING GRASPING FOR GRATITUDE" (12 MINUTES)

Play the final video, filmed in the Dragon Wok kitchen. Zach unpacks powerful lessons from the kitchen: the value of rice, the rhythm of daily giving, and the invitation to shift from hoarding to flowing through a conduit of generosity.

### 4. BIBLE READINGS (3 MINUTES)

Ask participants to read aloud:

- **Luke 16:10** – "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much."
- **Mark 8:36** – "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"
- **2 Corinthians 8:9** – "Though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor..."
- (Optional) **Exodus 16:11–21** – God provides daily manna in the wilderness

### 5. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT TIME (5 MINUTES)

Take a few minutes and complete this exercise to help you understand more about where your heart is in relation to today's topic. This exercise is also the challenge for Day 34 of **Giving Challenge**.



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### GREED OR GRATITUDE CHECK

Place a checkmark next to the statement that best describes you currently—not who you aspire to be, but how you're living right now.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> You constantly think about how to make more money.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> You are thankful for the resources you have to meet your needs.          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You long for more.   | <input type="checkbox"/> You are grateful for what you have.                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You spend most of your time thinking of how to better your life.           | <input type="checkbox"/> You spend most of your time thinking of how to help others.              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You will give if you get something in return.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> You will give because you've already been given much.                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You try to win at all costs even if it means hurting others.               | <input type="checkbox"/> You are thankful for opportunities to collaborate and grow with others.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You are jealous when you see what others have.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> You celebrate when good things happen to others.                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You can't rest until you have achieved more.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> You find it easy to rest in the blessings God has provided.              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You are filled with anxiety and stress in your finances.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> You remember daily how God has provided for you.                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You constantly want to upgrade your lifestyle in some way, shape, or form. | <input type="checkbox"/> You set limits on your lifestyle.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You don't easily let go of the money that you have.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> You live each day open-handed, ready to give as the opportunities arise. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You spend more money than you make.  | <input type="checkbox"/> You make more money than you spend.                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You end up having regret or buyer's remorse over things you have bought.   | <input type="checkbox"/> You have no regrets about how you have spent your money.                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You make impulsive purchases often.  | <input type="checkbox"/> You deny yourself of things often.                                       |

Count the number of checkmarks on the right side and circle the number below.

If your number is low, you are likely living with a mindset of greed. If your number is high, you are living with a heart of gratitude.

**Greed** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 **Gratitude**

Whatever your number might be, set a goal to improve by at least two or three points. What action or next steps can you take this week to get better? Write it down and act on it.



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### 6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (40 MINUTES)

Invite reflection on both the video and the full 6-week experience:

1. Take some time to discuss the previous week's readings and/or challenges. Here are some things to discuss. Celebrate a win and a struggle that you had in **Giving Challenge** over the past week.
2. What did God reveal to you during the readings and/or challenges this past week?
3. What visual or story from Dragon Wok stood out to you the most?
4. Zach compared the kitchen to our daily lives—how does that image help you think differently about how you use your time, energy, and resources?
5. The story from India about “a handful of rice” was powerful. What do you think God can do with a handful from your life?
6. Have you ever caught yourself acting more like a container (storing, hoarding) than a conduit (flowing, releasing)? What caused that?
7. How has gratitude shaped (or reshaped) your view of giving?
8. Why do you think no one confesses greed—even though we often live with it?
9. Zach said, “Every ingredient matters.” What small resources or moments are you realizing you could give more intentionally?
10. In what area of your life might you be “clinging” instead of releasing?
11. Share where you ranked yourself on the grasping for more vs. gratitude assessment. Reflect on why you settled on that number and identify something you can do to be more grateful?
12. 2 Corinthians 8:9 reminds us that Jesus gave everything. How does His example inspire or challenge you?
13. What's one way you can commit to practicing daily generosity—starting this week?

### 7. WEEKLY CHALLENGE PROMPT (2 MINUTES)

**Challenge:** Give something today.

- Don't wait. Ask God: What do I already have—today—that someone else needs?
- Be the answer to someone's prayer. Don't let your gift spoil in storage.

Encourage the group to share short “God stories” from the challenge if time allows.



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### 8. CLOSING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

Invite final reflections:

- What has changed in your heart, mind, or life since beginning this challenge?
- What do you hope will stay with you going forward?

**Pray as a group:**

- Thanking God for six weeks of growth
- Asking for His help to make generosity a daily lifestyle
- Commissioning the group to continue living as conduits, not containers

### 9. READING CHALLENGE ENCOURAGEMENT (1 MINUTE)

For a deeper, daily experience, continue reading the devotional Giving Challenge: A 40-Day Life-Changing Journey to Give Like Jesus.

**This week:** Read Days 34-40, and complete the daily challenges.



### CHALLENGE COMPLETED!

You've walked through all five types of generosity—Happily, Eternally, Abundantly, Regularly, and Today. Celebrate as a group. Consider doing something generous together as your final action.

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