



Thoughts on Generosity

How do you react when someone asks you to do something or give something? Do you do it straight away, happily and without thinking? Do you say you will in a bit, when you're ready? Do you do it, but grumpily and with little effort? Generosity is all about the feelings you have when you do something for someone else; when you put them first and want to do the best for them.

The Bible says

'Each one of you should give, then, what you have decided in your heart to give. You should not give if it makes you sad. And you should not give if you think you are forced to give. God loves the person who gives happily.' *2 Corinthians 9:7*
'It doesn't matter how much you have. What matters is how much you are willing to give from what you have.'
2 Corinthians 8:12
'When you help someone out, don't think about how it looks. Just do it—quietly and unobtrusively.'
Matthew 6:3
What do you think about these verses?

Do

Think about who has been generous to you. How can you show them you are grateful for their generosity?

Fact

In 2021, Marcus Rashford became the youngest person to top The Sunday Times Giving List. This means he was the person who gave or raised the biggest percentage of his money to help other people.



Idea



You might think generosity is about giving money and think it's hard for you to be generous. But you can be generous in many different ways. You can be generous with your time, your words, your actions, your smile, your love. Being generous is putting someone else's needs before your own and doing something for them. Being generous to someone is going **above and beyond** for them. How can you be generous today?



Pray

Thank you for everything we have; things, time, love, kindness, joy. Help us to show generosity by giving joyfully to others when we can.



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