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Praxis: Generosity

In the early church in the book of Acts, we see them moved towards living generously. One of the results of generosity in God's Kingdom is the ability for **God to use it to do great things**.

- *What moves Christians to give to their local church?*
- **Read Acts 4:32-37** together as a group. What moved the early church towards generosity?

One reason we give is simply because **God commands us to be generous**. By obeying his commandments we find freedom. We find freedom from our own selfish desires.

- **Read Malachi 3:10-12** together as a group. In Malachi, God's people were worried about their futures.
 - *How does this passage offer relief for that anxiety?*
- *What does Malachi 3:10-12 tell us will happen to the people that give generously?*

Another reason why we give is to **share the responsibility for doing spiritual work**. Our gifts brought to the local church allows us to do the work of introducing people to Jesus and leading them in a life lived for his glory!

- *In what ways does generosity help God's cause throughout the world?*
- *What steps are you taking, or do you need to take, to give sacrificially?*
 - *What makes giving to the local church hard for you and your family?*
- *How does generosity become a response from our heart to what God has done for us?*

We cannot separate true abandonment to Jesus from radical generosity. Living a Christian life of being generous leads to a freedom that releases us from selfishness and fear of the future.

- *Reread the above statement a few times as a group. What are your thoughts?*