

Generosity is an Act of Worship

Week of January 18, 2026

READ:

2 Chronicles 24:1-16

KEY POINTS:

- Generosity always starts with the heart - Joash, even at a young age, set his heart on honoring God, and his generosity flowed from his love for the Lord. Our giving doesn't create our love for God—it reveals it.
 - Generosity moves the heart to joyful action - When giving is rooted in worship, it is marked by unity and joy—not pressure, guilt, or manipulation.
 - Generosity fuels God's mission - God's work moves forward through God's people. When we understand the mission, generosity becomes celebration.
 - Generosity restores purpose through worship - Biblical generosity is not about equal gifts, but equal sacrifice. When generosity becomes worship, it moves from obligation to opportunity.
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QUESTIONS:

- When you think about generosity, what emotions or experiences most naturally come to mind — joy, fear, obligation, gratitude? Why do you think that is?
- In this story, the temple was neglected because God was no longer the priority. What are some ways generosity helps re-center our hearts on what matters most?
- The people gave freely and joyfully once they understood the purpose. How does understanding the 'why' we give change the purpose and 'how' we give?
- What's the difference between giving out of convenience and giving as an act of worship? How have you seen that difference play out in your own life?
- As you look at your current season, what might God be inviting you to trust Him with — so that generosity becomes worship rather than obligation?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord,

We thank You for reminding us that generosity is not just something we have to do; it is an act of worshiping You. Search our hearts, God. Teach us to give joyfully, faithfully, and worshipfully — not out of pressure, but out of love.

Help us remember that everything we have comes from You, and that when Your people unite on mission for You, lives are changed. May our generosity fuel Your work, restore purpose, and reflect our gratitude for all You've done.

We give ourselves to You first.

We trust You completely.

And we worship You with our lives.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.