



**Road to Financial Freedom - Week 5**  
**1 Kings 17:7-24; Proverbs 11:24-25; Psalm 37:25; Luke 6:46;**

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## **DAILY DEVOTION**

Find a rhythm in God's word this week! Follow this 5 day plan on your own or with your group!

<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/17423-the-genius-of-generosity>

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## **INSPIRATION**

"Generosity is contagious. God provides resources to be shared for the blessing of other people. He does not give it for us to keep."

- Barry Cameron,  
Author of the Road to Financial Freedom

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## **ICE BREAKER**

1. Talk about the most generous person that you know! Why are they so generous? What do you enjoy about spending time with them?
  2. What did you think about Barry Cameron's message this week?
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## **DEEP DIVE**

### **Read this out loud**

An excerpt from the message this week:

"Most people in our world NEVER have enough. GOD told ELIJAH to go to Zarephath (vs. 7-9). GOD told a WIDOW to feed ELIJAH (vs. 9). GOD had "commanded" her to feed him. ELIJAH did what GOD told him to do (vs. 10). The WIDOW wasn't going to do what GOD had told her to do (vs. 11-12). She wasn't going to do what GOD said to do. Here's ELIJAH ... DOING what God told him to do. Here's the WIDOW ... NOT DOING what God told her to do. ELIJAH told her to DO what GOD said to do " - Barry Cameron.



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**Read 1 Kings 17:7-13 and then answer the following questions:**

3. Has God ever told you to do something? Did you do it? Or are you currently doing what God told you to do?
4. What makes trusting God so difficult, especially for anyone new in their faith? What are some things that increase our trust in God?
5. You may not have been in a similarly desperate situation to Elijah or the Widow, but consider a time when you were particularly desperate. Did you ask God for help? How did He respond? How did He provide for you?
6. **Read 1 Kings 17:14-16.** What happened when the Widow did what Elijah asked? How did God provide?

**Read this out loud**

An excerpt from the message this week:

“But IT DOESN’T MAKE SENSE! GENEROSITY is the most talked about VALUE in the Bible. FAITH is only mentioned 270 times. HOPE is only mentioned 185 times. LOVE is only mentioned 733 times. But GENEROSITY, GIVING, etc., is mentioned over 2,200 times! Your GIVING record is a LIVING record. It doesn’t make sense NOT to do what God says. GOD wants us to PUT HIM FIRST and DO WHAT HE SAYS. Are you giving GOD the FIRST THINGS? 1. Give God the first part of every day. 2. Give God the first day of every week. 3. Give God the first word in every decision. 4. Give God the first portion of your income. 5. Give God the first place in your heart. 6. Give God’s Church the first priority in your schedule. 7. God God’s Son your first love.” - Barry Cameron

**Read Matthew 6:31-33, Proverbs 11:24-25, and Psalm 37:25 and then answer the following questions:**

7. Barry lists seven ways to put God first in your life. Which of these seven are natural and easier for you to follow? Which of these seven are a struggle for you to follow?
8. Jesus often talks about the Kingdom of God as it compares to the kingdom of the world or of the enemy. How does generosity look different in the Kingdom of God versus the world? What distinguishes Christian generosity from worldly generosity?
9. Talk about a time when you generously gave or provided for the needs of others and were filled with joy and satisfaction.

**Additional Study**

If you have time during your Small Group or you want to study more about the message topic, read and consider the following passages:

- Matthew Chapters 5-7.



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## **NEXT STEPS**

10. What have you learned in this five week series?
11. What action steps have you taken during this five week series?

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## **PRAYER**

1. After sharing prayer requests, pray for the person on your right. Pray for that person throughout the week.
2. Pray that God will provide more than enough as you generously give to others!

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## **SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY**

Establish a regular rhythm of serving together! Below are some service opportunities.

- BENSON - Local Mission Partner is ABIDE. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- MILLARD - Local Mission Partner is Heartland Hope. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- FREMONT - Local Mission Partner is LifeHouse. Contact Campus Pastor for more information.
- OMAHA - Local Mission Partner is Open Door Mission. Contact Lyndsey Deyoe for more information.
- Or get to know your community! Seek out service opportunities in your area.