



It's All About the Heart Robert Morris

Focus Giving is all about the condition of the heart.

Fun What was something you were given that touched your heart?

Review Key Scriptures: Matthew 7:1–2; Luke 6:37–38; Deuteronomy 15:7–10, 14–15

1. Deal with a selfish heart.

Selfishness is the same as wickedness in God's eyes. We are born selfish, but through salvation we are born again generous.

2. Deal with a grieving heart.

Satan tries to make us regret or grieve what we've given. When we believe that everything belongs to God, we will give without regret.

3. Develop a generous heart.

Deuteronomy 15:14 tells us we are to "supply liberally," or generously. God wants us to be generous as He is generous.

4. Develop a grateful heart.

It's important to always be grateful for your salvation and redemption through Jesus Christ who gave His all for us. Being grateful helps us to be generous givers.

Group Dynamics Idea Make plans to attend Growth Path, Gateway's four-week series of classes designed to help you discover your part in God's story and fulfill His call on your life. Visit growthpath.gatewaypeople.com for more information.

Discuss

1. In the sermon, Pastor Robert tells a story about his wife, Debbie, who said, “He (Robert) has never gotten over being saved.” Have you ‘gotten over’ being saved? Have you ever been saved?
2. God’s Word tells us to examine our hearts. With what measure do you give judgment, condemnation, forgiveness, grace, mercy, love, or money?
3. Discuss your attitude toward money—do you believe your money belongs to you or to God? How might changing your perspective change the way you give?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- We are born selfish but born again generous.
- When we believe God owns everything, we will give without regret.
- God wants us to be generous because He is generous.

Prayer

Father God, forgive us for believing lies about giving, living selfishly, and grieving generosity. Lord, we don’t want to be stingy with the things you so richly and freely give us, such as love, mercy, and grace. Help us to give more generously. Create in us new hearts and a new desire to give and help others. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Pray for conviction, repentance, and renewal in the hearts of God’s people.