

Our Generous God - All Things Good

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“The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.”
Proverbs 11:24 (The Message)

1. _____ good things are from God.

“Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.”

James 1:17-18 (NLT)

2. Good things _____ us towards God.

“Don’t you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can’t you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?”

Romans 2:4 (NLT)

3. God acts in good ways to _____ people.

“But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.”

Matthew 5:44-45 (NLT)

4. Good things are directed towards us so we can direct _____ towards God.

“In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

Matthew 5:16 (NLT)

Small Group discussion opportunities

Discuss these questions together:

1. Read Proverbs 11:24 together. How have you seen generosity make your world “larger”?
2. Describe a time you missed the opportunity to be generous and how that effected you or others.
3. Read Matthew 5:44-45 together. Can you think of someone who you find it difficult to love or be generous towards? Why?
4. What is one way you can take a step to be generous towards that person?
5. How are you intentional about engaging in good deeds so that other people can see God through them?
6. What is one area of life that God is calling you be more generous in right now?