

Today's Generosity Challenge:

How have you been inspired to live more generously? What are your plans? Write them down at <http://GenerousLife.net/Day39>.

Day 40 – Sending the Good News

Romans 10: 14-15

¹⁴How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

¹⁵And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

You know one thing I always notice about shows like the Academy Awards? It’s all the people the winners thank. You know, winner of best actress gets up there and says I want to thank all these people, and they get out a piece of paper with long list of names on it. They’re thanking their friends, their family, the director, the fellow actors, the nanny, everyone who was involved in their success. I think it’s really interesting how many people are involved in just one person’s success.

The spread of the Gospel is really very similar. Paul, in Romans, Chapter 10, talks about how important it is that people have the Gospel preached to them. He says, “People aren’t going to be saved unless someone tells them about Jesus...” A second point he makes is this; no one is going to be able to hear the Gospel unless we send people out. This all seems to make sense; but we don’t always realize how important a role the everyday person (you and me) has to play in this.

See, we think the only people spreading the Gospel are the missionaries or the pastors or some other prominent Christian figure. And I absolutely praise God for these people. But, just like the actor winning the award, those pastors, missionaries, or whoever didn’t get there on their own. The Gospel doesn’t get sent out unless people generously support it. It’s so important for people to realize that their support of Gospel work is absolutely essential in the work of the Kingdom. When you are willing to be generous in participating with God in His work, no matter its form, you play an important role. You may not be the one preaching,

but, in the spread of God's gospel, your generosity plays an indispensable role.

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Do you know that only about two percent of all Christians have ever shared the Gospel with another person! How can we love our generous Lord without telling others? Are we not enthusiastic, thankful and overjoyed? Your task today is to find one person and share Christ with them, verbally, intentionally and in love. Now, write down their response here at <http://GenerousLife.net/Day40>.

Day 41 – Walking the Walk

James 2:18

¹⁸But, someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.

You can talk the talk. But, can you walk the walk? That’s the leadership literature buzz-phrase for it, anyway. In our lives, it is a lot easier to talk about amazing things than it is to live those things daily.

The Bible knows what a struggle it can be to synchronize our beliefs and our actions. And I don’t want you to think I’m saying that it’s supposed to be easy, because Scripture doesn’t say that at all. But, one thing the Bible does say is this, how we live out our beliefs is important.

When James writes his letter, in the second chapter, he describes two people having a sort of hypothetical show down. One says, “I have faith;” but, he has no action to show it. So the second person responds, “I won’t just tell you I have faith, I also have actions that prove my faith.”

Actually, our lives really do play out our real beliefs. What we realize here; however, is how important it is that our life agrees with the beliefs we, as Christians, *profess*.

This works out in every aspect of our life. But, here, let’s just take generosity, for example.

We can talk all day about how God wants us to be generous and how we are supposed to live generously because God has been so generous to us in the Gospel.

But, then – what?

And so, then – what do we do?

Today’s Generosity Challenge:

As this is the last day in our journey together, I’d encourage you to try something new. Get out a pen and paper. Jot down how you feel you personally should show generosity in your life from here forward. Don’t think you have to bring about world peace;

but, just pick some way or ways that you can be generous each day. Then, go do them. And as you do so, pray that the world sees that by God's grace, you also walk the walk. Make your moving forward pledge here at <http://GenerousLife.net/Day41>

TAKE THE ULTIMATE GENEROSITY CHALLENGE:



Rarely does your generosity motivate others into their own personal lifestyle of generosity. But we want to challenge you to encourage others in their generosity and take the ultimate challenge. You've seen how the Holy Spirit will deeply change you with daily generosity challenges.



Now, take the ultimate generosity challenge and buy one book for your friends and your pastor. Ask them to read it and take the daily challenge. Imagine what might just happen next.

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