

Street Smarts

Part 5: Generosity

Proverbs 11:24-25

Launch

How are you feeling about the plan to hold live services at Central beginning June 7th? Excited? Apprehensive? Upset?

Explore

Read the passage using several different Bible translations

Verse 24 seems paradoxical: How can people who give freely become more wealthy? Why would being stingy cause you to lose everything?

What does this passage tell us about human nature? Are people naturally generous? Why or why not?

What does our lack of generosity reveal about us?

How does this passage reflect the character of God?

Apply

How have you grown in the area of generosity over the years? What have you learned? What's been the biggest struggle?

Often we think of our assets in terms of time, talent, and treasure. Which of these is easiest for you to be generous with? Which is hardest? Why?

Who is the most generous person you know? What is the motivation behind their generosity?

What is one step you can take to be more generous?

Pray

Pray that we would grow in our appreciation of God's provision and purpose for us, and that we'd experience the freedom and joy of generosity.