

Daily Tasks

There are many ways to be generous, so discuss some of the following ideas with an adult...

Day 1

Give up some of your **time** to help around your home or school. Lay the table, load the dishwasher, tidy up after a lesson. How does helping make you feel?

Give up something you love for a day. A TV show, social media, device. Spend the time being generous with your **attention** to family and friends. Did you learn something new about them?

Day 2

Day 3

Consider something you're good at. Could you use this **skill** to make a gift for a friend or relative? Paint a picture, cook, bake, perhaps your gift is singing/football, could you join the church choir/ team?

If you receive weekly pocket **money**, discuss with an adult a charity you could give away some money to or sell old toys for. When you're shopping buy something for the foodbank.

Day 4

Day 5

Instead of your normal lunch, have a simpler meal/go without a sweet dessert and donate the difference in the cost to your church/local charity. Consider how grateful you are for regular meals and the **comfort** they provide.

Making new friends can feel awkward. Reach out to someone you've not played/ spoken with before. Find something you can **share** with them, a snack or skill. How have you made that person feel?

Day 6

Day 7

Share with someone! Look through your clothes/ toys and find **belongings** you don't wear or use. Ask an adult if you can donate these to a charity shop.

Living Generously



Luke 10:29-37

A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

Daily Focus – ways to be generous

Monday – Be Generous with Time

How was the Samaritan generous with his time? He put the man's needs above his own, taking time to kneel at the side of a road to help and care for a man who had been attacked, maybe putting himself in danger too?

Sometimes we feel so busy – with school, homework, clubs – there's no time for others.. But God calls us to live a generous life, and we can be generous with our time. By giving people our time, we say you matter. In a world where so much takes our time, it is one of the most generous gifts we can give.



Tuesday – Be Generous with Attention

How was the Samaritan generous with his attention? He stopped and helped; he didn't pretend not to see. He was generous by being physically and mentally present, giving all his focus to someone in need.

Are you paying attention to your parents/ teachers/friends or thinking about something else? Our minds can be elsewhere, so taking time to notice is difficult with so many fun distractions. In this story Jesus tells us that giving our attention is important. God wants us to love him with our hearts and minds. If we love and care for others in the same way he is happy.

Wednesday – Be Generous with Talents/ Skills

How was the Samaritan generous with his skills/ talents? God gives us talents, but do we always use them to help others? The Good Samaritan's skill is the tender care he gives the poor robbed, injured man.

To be generous with our talents and skills we need to look for ways we can share these with others.

Thursday – Be Generous with Wealth

How was the Samaritan generous with his wealth? We are told he took the sick man to an inn and cared for him. He poured expensive oil and wine on wounds which was how they treated cuts. He paid for care and medicine. Why would he do this for someone he didn't know?

Is what we have ours or God's? If everything we have is God's, it doesn't matter what we give away. We are using His money/ possessions to do His work and God will give us everything we need.

Daily Prayer: Dear Lord, Help us to be generous and do all the good we can, by all the means we can, in all the ways we can, in all the places we can, at all the times we can, to all the people we can, for as long as we can. Amen

John Wesley

Friday – Be Generous with Comfort

How was the Good Samaritan generous with his comfort? A man had been beaten and robbed by thieves on a lonely stretch of road. The Samaritan had a donkey, oil and wine. He could have worried about himself, perhaps this is why the Priest and Levite moved by quickly, but the Samaritan did not, he stopped. As Christians, God asks us to be generous with our own comfort so others can be loved and cared for. Being generous can be difficult. Think about sharing a toy, giving up our last sweet, or not watching our favourite TV show. If we give more, we have less for ourselves. But God gave us his only son so that we could have new life, His one and only son! He had no other. We are also called to give whatever we have.

Saturday – Be Generous with Reputation

How was the Good Samaritan generous with his reputation? At the time Jesus told this story Samaritans and Jews did not get on and yet this man from Samaria who usually avoided Jewish people, stopped and saved his life. Perhaps other Samaritans would have disliked the Good Samaritan for being kind to their 'enemy'. Maybe the innkeeper would have turned him away, but he still did the right thing.

We worry about our reputation, what if people don't like us, or make fun of us. We want to be liked and included. By being generous with our reputation, Jesus tells us not worry what other people think.

Sunday – Be Generous with Possessions

How was the Good Samaritan generous with his possessions? He had a donkey which we assume carried the sick man to the inn. He gave money to the inn keeper and promised to give more if needed. He used bandages, oil and wine. We are told the man's clothes were taken and we can assume that in The Good Samaritan's care they were replaced. We are not told whether he was a rich or poor man, but the parable shows us that when human need is real, only truly generous giving is appropriate.