

# The Spirit of Poverty

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### Facts about Generosity:

- Generous people are happier.
- It is in God's character to be generous.
- Generosity is a key mark of Jesus's disciples.
- There is a spectrum. One end is total generosity. The other end is total selfishness. Most of us are somewhere in between. The goal is to move closer to the generous side of the spectrum.

There are three issues to face simultaneously:

1. Wisdom

Money is powerful. If you don't use it wisely it will use you unwisely.

2. Values

You need a good reason to say yes and a good reason to say no to giving.

3. Fear

The core beliefs behind the spirit of poverty:

- There's not enough to go around.
- You don't have enough.
- You aren't enough.

Jesus on generosity:

1. Pick your starting point

(Matt. 6.33)

2. Pay greater attention to what you already have

(Luke 12.16-21)