

GENEROSITY CHALLENGE

DAY 1: Creating
Margin (Costly
Living)

Generous living is costly living, acknowledging the value of partnership by meeting a need in tangible, loving ways. From sharing a meal to sharing the good news, God is always inviting us to partner with him in living in such a way that reveals his generous heart for all people. This invitation is to grow in our stewardship by living out of the abundance that comes in trusting in God, rather than living out of a mindset of scarcity.

Based on what type of giver you are, follow along the following prompts and questions to explore what kind of margin you will create. Invite your family or a trusted friend to explore these together!

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LIMITATIONS: Start by identifying your current limitations that keep you from making margin. Is it debt, activity, schedule and time, etc.? Prayerfully consider from your time, money, and talent budget, and what it would take to create margin there.

MARGIN: Understanding your limits will help you know what you have to work with. A few examples of making margin would look like:

- **Dedicating tithing** as an act of trusting and thanking God
- Being ready to be generous in **relational networks** (buying coffee for a stranger, tipping more than usual, etc.)
- **Researching a local organization or ministry** to give to and support financially or through volunteering

RECOMMENDED BASELINE PRACTICE: This is where you're starting in your giving and committed to growing from. For example, commit to giving away a percentage of your income.

If you're new to this practice, identify the percentage you currently give and commit to an increasing percentage goal that challenges your faith, focusing on your local church.

NEXT STEPS: What's a next step you can take to challenge your margin for generous living, and who can you invite to support you with accountability and encouragement along the way?

