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“The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, generous inside and out, true from start to finish.”

John 1:14 MSG

Tharwat Eskander is the Stewardship Consultant at The Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters in Toronto. He believes that generosity is a virtue that reflects God’s personality. God did not create us to taste only one kind of food, smell one kind of aroma or enjoy one kind of sound. God made everything for us in abundance and variety.

As leaders we are challenged to be generous in many ways. Eskander explains that generosity goes beyond giving of our treasures. We can be generous in listening, generous in forgiving and generous in accepting others. In today’s society where entitlement and materialism are highly promoted, it can make teaching generous living a counter cultural task but one that is worthwhile. Generosity should not be something we occasionally do; it should be reflected in how we live.

10 examples of generosity in the Bible and how to follow them

Generosity is a theme found frequently throughout the Bible. These are lessons that can be applied to our leadership today. Being generous isn’t a one-time thing; it’s a “lifestyle you cultivate”.

Leadership: It’s not about you

Being able to put others before yourself makes you stand out as a leader and encourages people to want to follow you. Valuing each person will increase the success of the team and you as a leader.

Why good leaders look to share

In business, people often think they need to accumulate as much wealth and power as possible to be a successful leader. This *Inc.* article suggests otherwise. “Instead of having a scarcity attitude, you need to take an abundance approach”.

7 traits of exceptional leaders

Giving back builds relationships and creates a company that people want to work for. When leaders are unselfish they have the ability to impact others. “Great leaders give back”.

Are you exceptionally giving? 9 things truly generous people always do

Many people believe generosity is about making financial contributions; however, it goes beyond that. As leaders we can be generous in many meaningful ways that often leave a longer lasting impact.

From our shelves ...

Being a successful leader doesn't mean accumulating the most wealth, power or followers, Those who contribute to others without expecting anything in return often see great outcomes. Leaders have the ability to be generous in many different forms. In his book *Give and Take*, Grant reveals how a giving leader can effect an organization.

Give and Take: A Revolutionary Approach to Success

Adam Grant
Viking (2013)



Above are articles and items in the news that we've come across that are themed to organizational leadership, values and ethics, and non-profits in general.

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