

Celebration Generosity 2023**Scripture**

Romans 12:2 and Matthew 6:10

Points to Keep In Mind

1. In Romans 11:33-36, Paul is worshipping God. He goes on to talk about how we are to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice to God as worship (Romans 12:1). Generosity is another form of worship. When we are transformed by renewing our minds in God's Truth, we will view our resources as God's and a way to worship Him.
2. Romans 12:2 states that we are "transformed by the renewing of our mind." It also states not to be conformed to the pattern of this world. When we give, we submit to God's sovereignty in our lives. We look to God as our Provider and not the world. It is also an attitude of our hearts. Just as the early church practiced generous giving to help those in need (Acts 4:32), we are called to do the same. Then, we can become channels of God's blessing to others. We give because we received gifts from the ultimate Giver, God Himself (John 3:16).
3. 2 Corinthians 3:18 tells us this transformation and renewing of our minds occurs as we behold God's face, spending time with Him in His glory.

Additional Questions and Resources

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
3. Have you considered getting baptized? communitychristian.org/baptism
4. What have you been learning from the Community Daily? communitychristian.org/daily
5. If someone is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/
6. Find out more about having a YOU+ conversation by visiting: youplus.info
7. How have you been able to BLESS others recently? (B-begin with prayer, L-listen, E-eat, S-serve and S-share your story)