

FAMILY + MARRIAGE

The Season of Giving



BEST USE

A holiday family dinner conversation

VALUE

Teaches family that generosity is a lifestyle in which we demonstrate God's love and unites the family to have a greater purpose together.

ADVANCE PREPARATION

- Whether you're married or single, a child or grandparent, all of us have someone that we consider family. Have you ever yearned for greater purpose together? Generosity is one powerful way to achieve that this holiday season. As you gather with loved ones, use these questions to explore how giving together can lead to greater unity and joy.
- Before meeting with your loved ones, gather some thoughts on areas your family has been able to be generous in the past. Here are some ideas to get you started:
 - Tithing to church
 - Donating to a charity
 - Giving to missionaries
 - Supporting a child through Compassion or World Vision
 - Giving food to a homeless person
 - Hosting guests at home
 - Giving time to service projects

SERVE IT UP

Around a meal, with whoever is at your table, use the following questions and conversation starters to get talking about the season of giving:

1. What is the greatest Christmas present that you ever received? How did you feel when you received that gift?
2. How would you describe your family's generosity story? Share your experience and perspective on your family's giving.
3. What past generosity milestones, memories, answered prayers, or praises can we celebrate in this season?
4. Are you experiencing any barriers to your family's giving? Identify challenges and start creating a plan overcome them.
5. Why does your family give? Is it to leave a legacy, rally around a common cause as a family, have an impact in a specific passion area of yours, or something else? Write down your family's reasons for giving.
6. What is one cause that your family can give to together this month? Invite your kids to have a say in this and then create your family plan to be generous together in this season!

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

2 Corinthians 9:11-15