

## **DAY 18: GIVING**

### **Scripture – 1 Chronicles 29:12-14**

James 1:17 tells us that “every good gift and every perfect gift comes from above.” This means that anything good we have, own, and have experienced, has been an act of generosity towards us from God. And to acknowledge Him as the Lord and ruler over everything in our lives, including all the things that we think are ours, such as our jobs, homes, kids, bank accounts, and even the ability to work and have work, brings about a greater presence of God’s power to enable and empower us to be generous givers of our time, talents, money, and gifts.

The heart of God is generosity. Daily He lavishes us with His love as He generously pours out grace, mercy, kindness, and patience on us. And from what we receive from Him, our proper response to such generosity is to honor God with our lives and be generous in our giving. Having the perspective that it is God who created all things, and the One who has the ability to reward our faithfulness gives us the freedom to give generously, knowing that He is honored and moved by our giving. Giving invites God to trust and empower us to give more and do more to build His kingdom.

### **Application**

1. In what area of giving is God asking you to trust Him?
2. Have you made God Lord over your time, finances, the things you own, and how you use your gifts and talents? If so, acknowledge this before Him and ask Him to give you opportunities to be generous.