

# Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

## Our Values / Part 5

### We Take Nothing For Granted – We respond to God’s goodness with gratitude and generosity

#### Introduction

There’s a T-shirt that reads ‘Life’s Short – Play Hard!’. While this may reflect a dare to dream, go-hard-or-go-home approach to life, it doesn’t give the full picture. Life is short, therefore we cannot afford to take even the breath in our lungs for granted. Instead we can respond to God’s goodness to us with both gratitude and a generosity of heart.

#### Read

1 Chronicles 29:10-14

#### Discuss

1. David acknowledged with a grateful heart that God was the provider of all things. What can we learn from his prayer?
2. What happens in us when we show our gratitude to God? To others?
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. How can we still give thanks when our circumstances are not good? What happens we are prepared to do so this?
4. Read Luke 6:38. Jesus spoke of God’s greater provision coming when we are willing to be generous with what He has already given to us. Have you experienced this reality? Discuss.
5. “Where your treasure is there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21). What does this mean to you? Is this true?
6. In Matthew 23:23 Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for being legalistic in their giving, but reiterated for them to continue to tithe without neglecting the more important things. How does tithing fit with your beliefs? Is it hard to do?

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## **Respond**

When we respond to God with a thankful heart and acknowledge His goodness to us with gratitude and generosity it changes our perspective on our own circumstances, regardless of what we are currently facing. Take a moment now to give thanks and praise to God for five things that He has done in your life.