

# THE GOOD & BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY

***BIG IDEA: We Are A GENEROUS Community***  
***Experience the JOY of giving...***  
***Learning How and Where to give!***  
**Luke 6:37-38**

## **Three False Narratives -**

- **Judgement** - "God helps those who \_\_\_\_\_ themselves" (Ben Franklin - 1757)
- **Scarcity** - "If I give it away, I have \_\_\_\_\_"
- **Entitlement** - "What I have is mine to use for my own \_\_\_\_\_"

## **Three True Narratives -**

- **Helplessness** - "God helps those who \_\_\_\_\_ help themselves" (Psalm 116:1-6)
- **Provision** - "If we all share, we all have \_\_\_\_\_" (Exodus 16:16-18)
- **Stewardship** - "What I have is God's, to use for His \_\_\_\_\_" (1 Chronicles 29:14)

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## Primary Areas of Stewardship

- **Time** - We have all been given the \_\_\_\_\_ amount
- **Talent** – Strength, health, giftedness \_\_\_\_\_  
mine to advance God's Kingdom
- **Treasure** – The financial and material \_\_\_\_\_  
I must manage and oversee
- **Testimony** – Sharing the story of my \_\_\_\_\_  
with others to impact their \_\_\_\_\_

## A Plan for Becoming Generous

1. Learn the \_\_\_\_\_ of giving.
2. Learn the way to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Learn \_\_\_\_\_ to give.

## Generosity at Oakwood

- **General Fund Budget** – ministries, missions, facilities, benevolence, organization, staff
- **Oakwood Cares** – meeting needs in our community
- **H.O.P. Christmas** – purchasing Christmas gifts for children in foster care
- **Serving** – Ministry teams, S.O.S. (Serving Our Savior), regular participation