

My Generosity Story

Self-Assessment

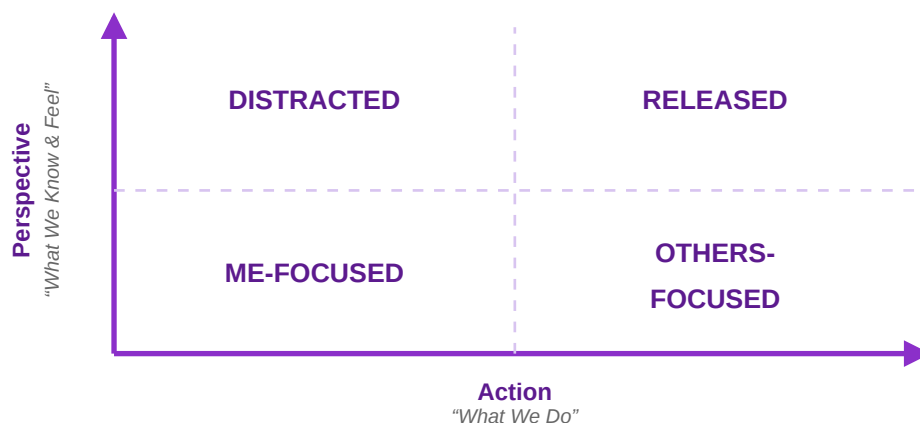
For each of the rows numbered 1 to 10, circle the statement that most accurately describes your typical response. Total the number of circled statements for each column.

	Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D
1	I give time and money because I want to fulfill my duty.	I give time and money because I want to feel good.	I give time and money because I want to give back out of all that God has given me.	I give time and money because I want to help others.
2	I'm concerned I won't have enough for my family when I give.	I'm concerned my gift will go unnoticed or unappreciated when I give.	I give my time and money freely with few concerns.	I'm concerned my gift will not be enough to solve all the problems around me when I give.
3	In the past month, I helped those in need when it fit in with my other priorities.	In the past month, I didn't encounter anyone in need.	In the past month, I intentionally looked for people in need to help.	In the past month, I helped others when I saw a need.
4	"God owns it all" has some influence in shaping my generosity.	"God owns it all" has no influence in shaping my generosity.	"God owns it all" has a lot of influence in shaping my generosity.	"God owns it all" has little influence in shaping my generosity.
5	I show compassion towards others as long as I have the time.	It's hard for me to show compassion when others' needs interrupt my day.	I proactively look for ways to show compassion.	I make sure I have enough time to show compassion towards others when they need it.
6	I use money and things to give first and then to meet the wants and needs of those who depend on me.	I use money and things to meet the wants and needs of those who depend on me.	I use money and things to be God's banker to disburse to others as He instructs.	I use money and things to first meet the wants and needs of those who depend on me and then to help others.
7	I am willing to give a fixed amount of time or money that I've previously set aside for that purpose.	I am willing to give time or money that provides a return in relationship, influence or financial benefit.	I am willing to give everything I have.	I am willing to give time or money above what I need for myself and those who depend on me.
8	When someone commits a wrong against me, I forgive them because God commands it.	When someone commits a wrong against me, I find it difficult to forgive them.	When someone commits a wrong against me, I forgive them in light of how God forgave me.	When someone commits a wrong against me, I forgive if they are remorseful and apologize.
9	I am most likely to give when I've previously set aside time or money for that purpose.	I am most likely to give when an opportunity is presented with mutual benefit.	I am most likely to give any time God instructs me to give.	I am most likely to give when an opportunity is presented that moves me emotionally.
10	On a daily basis, I stick to the plans I've made to help others.	On a daily basis, I help others when there is a clear benefit to me.	On a daily basis, I proactively seek ways to meet others' needs.	On a daily basis, I help when I see a need.
	TOTAL _____	TOTAL _____	TOTAL _____	TOTAL _____

Results

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Match the highest total score from the columns on page 1 with the descriptor below to discover your current generosity mindset.



Column A	Distracted
I desire to fulfill my duty in volunteerism or financial giving but I also fear that I won't have enough time or money for my family if I give sacrificially.	
<i>My next step — 2x per month, give to someone in need face-to-face.</i>	
Column B	Me-Focused
Giving is simply a way to create recognition for myself or opportunities for gain.	
<i>My next step — Commit to one simple act of kindness per day for the next 7 days.</i>	
Column C	Released
I have translated the knowledge that God owns everything and that He is my provider into a lifestyle of gratitude and generosity.	
<i>My next step — Share your generosity story with a family member this week.</i>	
Column D	Others-Focused
The most important use of my money and time is to meet my own needs but I am willing to help others' needs, too.	
<i>My next step — Read the book of Luke and write down every example where you see Jesus modeling generosity.</i>	