

Acts 2:42-47

*“All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.” (NIV)*

**Reclaiming Ancient Habit #4:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Generosity: Choosing to become the physical portrayal of God’s**  
\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Two-Pronged Attack Against Generosity:**

**1) We are trained to be** \_\_\_\_\_.

*Life is about what I get, what I keep, what I want, what I have.*

**2) We are trained in compartmentalized** \_\_\_\_\_.

*We tend to isolate our faith in God from our interaction with our world.*

**Jesus, On Generosity:**

**A. Jesus taught that our love for \_\_\_\_\_ is inseparably**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **to our love toward people.**

*Matthew 22:35-39 One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” Jesus replied, ““You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ (NLT)*

**Finding My Quadrant:**

**1) Low love for God, low love for others:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**2) Low love for God, high love for people: Humanitarianism.**

**3) High love for God, low love for others:** \_\_\_\_\_.

*We have traded new life in Christ for something we call “forgiveness of sins.”*

**4) High love for God, high love for others:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Picture time!**

**B. Jesus taught that our love for people flows, as the natural**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **from His love for us.**

*John 15:9-13 “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. When you obey me, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father and remain in his love. I have told you this so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you. And here is how to measure it--the greatest love is shown when people lay down their lives for their friends. (NLT)*

**The Cycle of Grace:**

**1) I embrace God’s love toward me as an unearned** \_\_\_\_\_.

**2) His love toward me** \_\_\_\_\_ **, as it’s natural result,**  
**my love toward people.**

**3) In generously loving people, I come to understand the love**  
**of God more** \_\_\_\_\_ **and appreciate it more deeply.**

**4) As God’s love becomes more and more present and powerful**  
**in me, I begin to express it more and more** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Picture time!**

*Luke 19:8 Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have overcharged people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!” (NLT)*