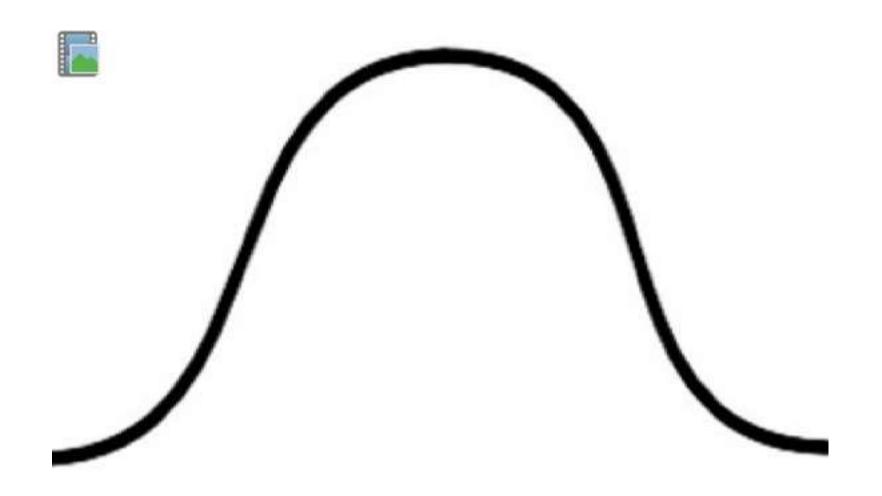
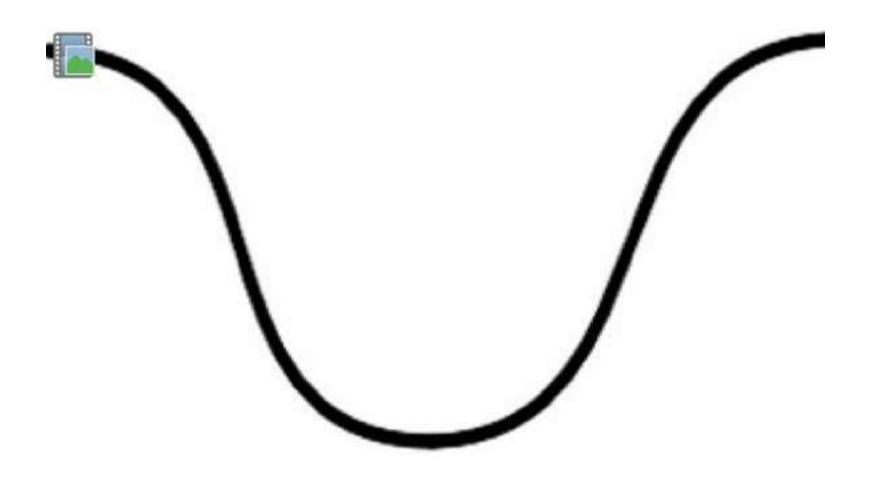
# Why Generosity? Because Generosity Makes Us More Like Christ Tom Deviney

### hilippians 2:5–8

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.





## John 13:5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

#### THIS IS A CHANGE FROM TOM'S ORIGINAL EMAIL (20:28-30)

## atthew 20:25-28

But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

Research suggests that humans are born with the biological hardware for generosity. In particular, the brain circuits and hormone systems (dopamine and oxytocin) are in place to help others. These circuits are fundamental and activate the reward-process areas of the brain... Brain imaging technology has found stimuli in the same particular regions when making charitable donations."

Lisa Blackwood, MS, MA, LPC

## Genesis 1:27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

#### Corinthians 8:7–9

Now as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

## "Poverty is not measured so much by what we have, but by what we think we lack." St. Francis of Assisi

## "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we share." *Sir Winston Churchill*



## "But what is perfection?....Here it means perfect love. It is love excluding sin; love filling the heart, taking up the whole capacity of the soul."

John Wesley "The Scripture Way of Salvation"

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