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Video Two: Generosity



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- What is your favorite Bible story about money and/or possessions?



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Take a few moments to reflect:

1. What is your definition of generosity?
2. What does it look like when you are being generous?
3. Can you think of a time when your left hand didn't know what your right hand was doing?



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- How would Jesus describe generosity?



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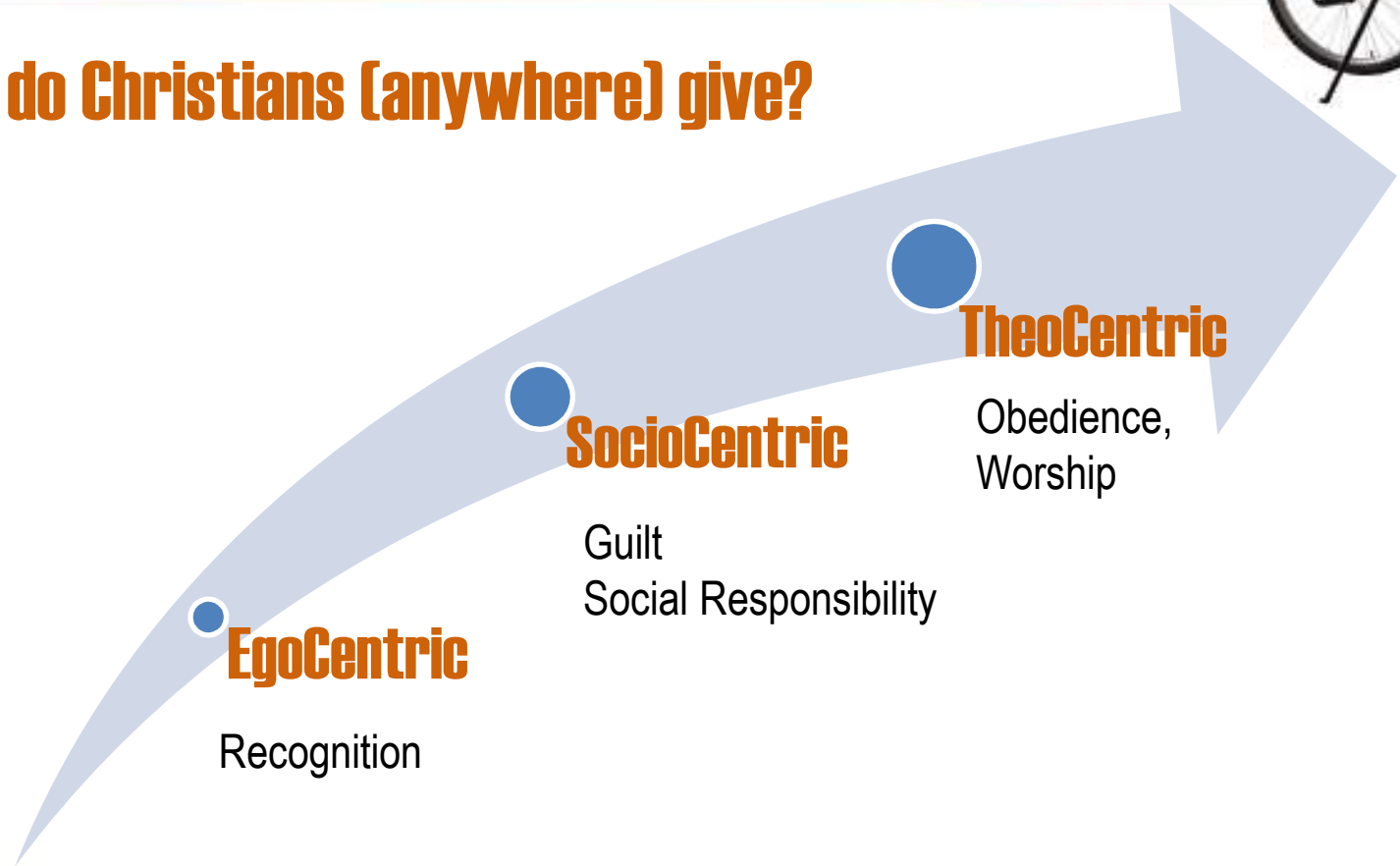
- What are some examples of what *is not* generosity?
- What would be their opposite example of *what is* generosity?



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Why do Christians (anywhere) give?





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Giving
As per
Robert Reese
in
*Roots &
Remedies*

**Early Church
Acts to AD300
In weakness**

Christians' conduct set them apart

Served all irrespective of class, gender or ethnicity

Practical application of charity

**Constantine Linked Church & State
In strength**

Accepting Christ accessed commodities

Professional missionary monks converted foreign "pagans"

Christians known as forceful, not charitable

Modern Suggested Solutions

Evangelism by all, not just professional clergy

See and serve all as equals

High moral standards

Charitable acts characterize global Christians

Use local mission methods

Foreign resources used in support of local efforts

Global Christians serving each other humbly



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*Foreign funding is a short-term solution;
Local funding is the vision*



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