

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study

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“Be Generous”

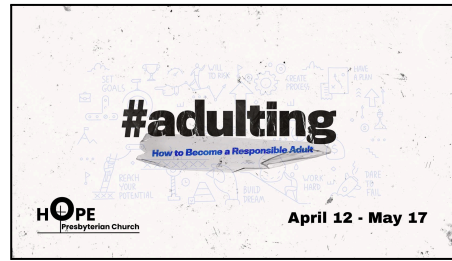
#3 in the series

#adulting: *How to Become a Responsible Adult*

Scripture Texts

Proverbs 11:25-28 (NLT), Luke 12:15 (NIV),

John 10:10 (NRSVUE)



1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. Being generous can be difficult when financial pressures are stronger than many, especially Gen Z, have ever faced. Consider these recent statistics:
 - 71% of Americans believe it is harder now to be an adult than it was 30 years ago.
 - Today’s average rent consumes about 30% of Gen Zers’ monthly income.
 - In the last 20 years, housing, healthcare, childcare, and tuition have risen higher than the median income for young adults.
 - Eight out of every 10 Gen Zers feel pressure to be ahead of where they actually are.
 - What examples have you observed of the financial realities Gen Z faces?
3. **Read Proverbs 11:25-26.**

Consider what it means to prosper and what generosity looks like.

 - Why might the relationship between being generous and prospering be misunderstood?
 - What do you think it means to be “refreshed” by generosity?
 - In what ways is generosity about more than money or wealth?
4. **Read Proverbs 11:27-28.**
 - Aside from our faith, what do we tend to put our trust in?
 - When we choose to be generous, what are we trusting in?
 - What does it mean to flourish as an outcome of being generous?
5. **Read Luke 12:15 and John 10:10.**

Consider Jesus’ words on what it means to be generous.

 - Why do you think we often have tendencies toward greed, with wanting an abundance of possessions?
 - What did Jesus mean by an “abundant life”?
 - How do you respond to the idea that *“Generosity received is as much a gift as it is when it is given”*?
6. How can we pray for you?