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Pastor Daniel Flynn

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- High cost of ministry
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- Because it feels good
- To help the less fortunate
- Because of your love for people
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2. To see Jesus was to see God.

C. Jesus said that by looking at Him we could know what God is like. If God is a good, gracious, generous giver, then Jesus too is a good, gracious and generous giver. As disciples of Jesus Christ, people that God is conforming to His image, when people look at us they are supposed to be seeing Jesus. If Jesus is a good, gracious and generous giver, then what kind of givers are you and I to be?

D. Do you know why giving really matters? Every day people are asking us to show them the Father. Is God real? Someone needed your time this past week. Were you gracious in giving it? Maybe you knew of a need that you could meet. Were you generous?

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