

Simply Generous – What It Means to Really Give

By Stewardship

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As its name suggests, this really is a very simple book, containing 9 personal accounts of people who have deliberately sought to develop a generous lifestyle, each carefully chosen to demonstrate a different aspect of generosity. Most of the accounts are from within a UK context, though not exclusively so. Nevertheless, it is refreshing to find a book that does not require a British reader to constantly transpose from American culture to ours. The stories are honest, including hints at failures, setbacks and disappointments, but the overall message is clear: generosity as a lifestyle transforms our relationship with and understanding of God.

An introductory chapter of 6 pages sets out, in a very inviting and engaging way, the basic theology of generosity, and a further 2 pages at the end are devoted to some of the services Stewardship provide to assist both individuals and Churches, with some key facts and figures.

It's a short book and really easy reading – possible either to take the full book in one hit, or alternatively spend 5 minutes a day on each of the short 9 chapters, allowing the implications of each to fully sink in before moving on.