



WOMEN DOING WELL
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PHASE 3

Activate wholehearted living
and giving by integrating
your purpose and passion and
creating a plan.

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PHASE 3: ACTIVATE WEEK 5: BETTER TOGETHER

Schedule

- _____ Scripture Reflection, Everything in Common—Acts 4:32–35..... 
- _____ StrikeForce421, WDW..... 
- _____ SAFE, NCF..... 
- _____ Sharing the Message..... 
- _____ Homework—Call To Action..... 

Scripture Reflection, ACTS 4:32–35—EVERYTHING IN COMMON

Acts 4:32–35 (NIV)

32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. 33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales. 35 and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

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STRIKEFORCE421: GIVING TOGETHER (Reading)

Reading

Many years ago, attorney JoAnne Daudt came across the notion of giving circles. These collaborative groups of givers pool their money, decide collectively where to donate it, and learn about their community at the same time. By giving together, these groups have a greater impact on causes they care about. The idea intrigued her, and she filed it away for another day.

Fast-forward about ten years. JoAnne was working at the National Christian Foundation of South Florida (NCF), and one of NCF's events featured Women Doing Well (WDW). The topic of giving circles surfaced, and the lightbulb went off. That was the impetus to start the first Christian women's giving circle in South Florida.

In 2014, StrikeForce421 held its first event. Since then, the group has given away over \$860,000 in grant money to deserving nonprofits. JoAnne continues at the helm as President of StrikeForce's Board of Trustees. The organization is a working board with no paid staff. Each of the seven trustees has a role to play.

Constructing the Circle

From the first meeting on April 21, the founders agreed to use the powerful force of generosity to give toward immediate impact. Hence the name: StrikeForce421. The '421' not only represents the date that the founders met but also the multiple effect of a God-sized return on investment.

JoAnne joined just before StrikeForce421 officially organized. With a mission of radical life-changing generosity for the grant recipients the givers as well, we penned our vision of 100+ women giving \$1,000 or more, awarding \$100,000+ in grants every year. Our goal was to give \$1 million dollars to ministries in our local communities in a decade. Once we had that north star, we ran after it. Soon, God gave us an even bigger goal—to give away a million in a single year!

How StrikeForce421 Works

We start fresh each year—no money in the coffers, no partners onboard. Our pledge partners re-up annually, though other giving circles require a three to five year commitment. We intentionally set it





up that way to offer more flexibility in a mobile community like South Florida, and it's paid off. We always have new partners joining!

We have a core group of about twenty women that have been longstanding partners and advocates. We call them our Ambassadors. We also welcome men. Husbands, business leaders, and Board members of the ministries we serve love the impact StrikeForce421 has on the community. As already many of them give as patrons of the organization.

This pool of partners, ambassadors, and patrons makes up StrikeForce421. Working with our board members, we determine where the year's donations will go. Everything is covered in prayer.

Each funding year begins with a grant application process during which we get twenty to twenty-five applications. This list gets cut to a more manageable size before the board interviews potential grantees.

Those that make it through the interview process are invited to a fall partner breakfast to tell their stories to our giving circle. After that, we set up site visits with the semi-finalists. Anyone can opt in to learn more about the charity, fill out an evaluation, and help the board select the winners. We then host a second event in the spring to celebrate and announce the winners. It's an exciting evening when we give all the money away!

Watching God Work

We're always eager to see what God does. And He always has a plan.

This past year, we had a record year of firsts, one which we received three weeks prior to our spring event. An ambassador asked how much money was needed to fully fund all grants. On the spot, she cut a check to cover the entire \$12,000 gap! It was so exciting to see what God did in her heart and to watch her gift impact the ministries we supported.

The Bible tells us to be joyful givers. Our Savior set an example for us in generosity, giving all He had for us. At StrikeForce421, we strive to show that same generosity in order to further the Gospel and bring people closer to Jesus. To that end, 100 percent of our donations are awarded to ministries proclaiming the gospel in our local communities. That sets us apart from other giving circles.





Video—SAFE, National Christian Foundation

Presenter

The National Christian Foundation serves a global generosity movement helping Christian families send more to their favorite charities and connecting them with the larger movement of generosity taking place around the world. It uses creative solutions to help giving go further through non-cash giving, less paperwork, fewer taxes. It's also more joy, more impact for their favorite causes, and ultimately ... more glory to God.

Overview/Questions

- As you watch the video, listen for how a group of individuals—all with a similar passion for human trafficking—were able to leverage their impact by giving in community.

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- A new model—Strategic Alliance to Fight Exploitation

- Generous Donors—a Giving Fund, Grants to Organizations





- A Movement Funding Machine

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Exercise—SHARE THE MESSAGE

Directions for the Exercise

- Last week, your homework included twenty-five ways to engage those closest to you in your generosity.
- Brainstorm whom in your life you are called to engage and a first step in bringing them into our generosity.

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25 WAYS TO ENGAGE OTHERS IN YOUR GENEROSITY

FRIENDS

1. Generosity Caper—As a group, prayerfully pick someone from your church or community to bless with an unexpected gift. Maybe it's a spa day or a meal. Maybe it's paying off someone's debt or funding a special program or project at a local ministry. Whatever you choose, keep it a secret. Giving the gift anonymously highlights God as the provider and greatest giver.

2. Fast Together—Fast, but not from food. Gather a group to pray about fasting from shopping for a season. Determine how long and where you will give the money saved from not spending.

3. Day of Service—Coordinate with a local ministry or your church to give a day of your time. Then work to meet a need or complete a special project for the church or organization. Be creative! You may find yourself organizing a busy young mom's home, cleaning a garden or courtyard space, making and delivering meals, or something totally different.

4. Lavish Hospitality—Invite your friends to an evening of generosity. Lavish their five senses with treats. Provide music, delicious food and drink, a beautiful table scape, and fragrances you love. During dinner, ask those in attendance to share memories of giving and receiving that impacted their lives. At the end, invite them to go through the Women Doing Well experiences with you.

5. Go for a JOG—Host a Journey of Generosity, a 24 hour retreat dedicated to exploring generosity through scripture, teaching and stories. Visit www.generousgiving.org to learn more.





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SPOUSE

6. Share Your Story—Use the story framework to tell your husband about your journey toward wholehearted generosity. Then invite him to join you on the journey.

7. Compare Passions and Values—Review your passion exercise from week 4 of The Doing Well Series Course I: Ignite Community. Better yet, print a version so your husband can do the exercise as well. Ask, What's one area of society that you'd like to impact for good? Where have you been involved that you feel you are making a difference? Then ask how you can support or join him in those efforts. Invite your husband to do the values exercise as well. Compare your values and create family values.

8. Discover Family Values—Invite your spouse to do the values deck exercise. Discuss both your values. Then do the exercise with the mindset of family values. Remember, there aren't good values or bad values; values are guide rails for how you want to live.

9. Planning Retreat—Take a night away for intentional conversation, prayer, reflection, and planning to move forward in your giving. Use this guide to get started.

10. Watch a Video—Explore Generous Giving's media library for teaching and stories about generosity.

Young Children (Sons, Daughters, Grandchildren, Nieces, Nephews, and Neighbors)

11. Sponsorship with Compassion International—Sponsor children the same age and gender as the children in your life. Encourage your children to be generous with their words and prayers in the regular correspondence.





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12. Make a Word Cloud—Generosity is more than just giving money. We can be generous with our time, our words, our ears, and our attitudes. Take time to brainstorm with your kids and put together a word cloud listing all the ways they can be generous. Put it on display and refer to it regularly as a way to encourage wholehearted generosity.

13. \$2 Tuesdays—Go to the bank and get \$100 worth of \$2 bills. Each week, give each child a \$2 bill to give to someone unexpected every Tuesday. Prepare for lots of fun reactions!

14. Reverse Birthday Party—Help your child research a local charity that is important to your family. When your child's birthday arrives, ask guests bring a gift for the charity rather than your child.

15. I Like Giving—Utilize age-specific activities and conversation starters at I Like Giving.

Teens

(Sons, Daughters, Grandchildren, Nieces, Nephews, and Neighbors)

16. Make It Transparent—Talk about your giving—where, how, and why you give. Invite the teens in your life to ask questions and share their thoughts on generosity.

17. Give Them Generosity—Give teens \$20 and challenge them to listen to God's prompting. Encourage them to give it away spontaneously and then report back to you.

18. Do Vacations Differently—Plan your family vacation to be on mission with your giving goals. You could be part of a medical mission trip, meet a child your family sponsors, or see firsthand the work of an organization you support.





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19. Watch a Video—Watch I Like Bowties and talk about how Joshua chose to be generous in response to being bullied.

20. Listen—Be curious with the teen in your life about what they are passionate about. Ask them questions like ‘What injustice do you want to make right?’, ‘What breaks your heart when you think about it?’, or ‘Where do you feel God calling you to give?’. These questions can lead to deeper conversations and inform your family giving in a way that motivates your teen.

Adult Children

21. Intentional Dinner—Invite your family to dinner and ask, What’s one area of society that you’d like to impact for good? Where have you been involved that you feel you are making a difference? Then ask how you can support them in their efforts.

22. Open a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)—Contact National Christian Foundation and set up a DAF for your adult children and their spouses. It’s like a checking account for charitable giving. You get a deduction, and they get to give it away! You could make it a matching gift account as well, encouraging them to give even more.

23. Vision Trip—Go on a mission or vision trip together to experience God at work. These weeks can be full of purposeful, strategic conversations and life-changing moments.

24. Experience Healing and Well-Being—Experience a prayer and identity retreat together with We Want More. Or go through the Science of Well-Being with Yale course together.

25. Discover Gospel Patrons—Explore gospelpatrons.org to read, watch and listen to stories about givers of all ages who are making kingdom impact in unique ways.





HOMEWORK

Homework—Call to Action

- Act! Take the action that you committed to during the Share the Message exercise.