

WEEK 1: INVITATION TO GROW

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— WELCOME/COURSE INFO/THEME/INTRODUCTION — 10”

Welcome

- I am so glad to be with you as we continue on the **Women Doing Well Pathway**. This course, **GROW to ACTIVATE**, is all about gaining courage, confidence and tools to put your “purposed” generosity into action.
- I’m excited for the next six weeks and pray that these hours will be a time of learning, deepening and growing together.
- We will again use a study from **Women Doing Well**, whose mission is to activate women of influence to live lives shaped by God’s generosity.
- They do this through content that helps women identify their purpose- who they are uniquely; discover their passion – what God has given them to care deeply about; and understand how planning can maximize giving for kingdom impact.
- In this second **Women Doing Well Pathway** phase, we are going to go deeper into our purposes, passions and plans.
- For purpose, we will be exploring identity and the dangers of wealth.
- For passion, we’ll explore our story and how our values inform our passions.
- And for plan, we will look at what God has given us from a holistic perspective including time and talent as well as treasure.





- Since “activate” means to take action, we will do some assignments that put our generosity into action.
- This could be challenging, even uncomfortable.
- If so, please reach out to me or others in the group.
- Women Doing Well provides this content at no cost, they do not fundraise at their experiences or allow others to do so.

Course Info

- All of Women Doing Well experiences are designed to be done in community.
- I want to share a few guiding principles that help us be in community with each other.
- We are all for each other, genuinely; we may not always agree but we will speak of and to each other with dignity and respect.
- This is a safe space, where we can all be authentic and know that there will be no offline sharing during or after our group times.
- And it's important for you to know that you will not be asked for money; **Women Doing Well** does not fund raise at events nor do they allow other to fund raise.
- This is a volunteer ministry; in fact, I'm facilitating today as a volunteer.

Theme of the Week

- The theme of this week is **Invitation to Grow**, as we will see the freedom that comes with giving as we strengthen our Biblical foundation for wholehearted generosity.

Introductions

- In our time together, we're first going to get to **know each other**.
- Let's start by each of us sharing the answers to two questions:
 - What's been going on in your life since our last session; or if new to the group, what brought you to this group?
 - Who is the most generous person you have known?
- *(Affirm each person as they share).*



— Video — A HANDFUL OF RICE, Generous Giving —

10”

Overview the Session...

- This is the first of many videos we will watch over the six weeks of the **Women Doing Well GROW to ACTIVATE Pathway**.
- You'll remember that some are teaching videos with Scripture - based messages on generosity.
- And many are story videos—the stories of people living out generous lives.
- Our first video today is a story about an amazing community in India.

Introduce the Presenter...

- This is a beautiful and inspiring story of the Mizoran Presbyterian Church in northwest India .
- They have a centuries — old tradition of sharing rice, or Bufhai Tham, on a daily basis.

Overview/Show the Video (3”)...

- As you watch the video, listen to the impact of this simple act of generosity on the Kingdom.
- Please turn to your participant notes — there is the information about our presenter, as well as a space for you to take notes.
- **(Show the video)**

Facilitate Discussion, Affirming Women as They Contribute...

- What stood out to you in the video?
- Could you see the impact of their simple giving on God's Kingdom?



— Video — BREAKING THE SPIRIT OF MAMMON, Jon Tyson — 25”

Overview the Session...

- There is little about our culture that is supportive of giving and generosity.
- This calls for us to seek ways to be generous as a Kingdom response.
- We are going to watch a teaching from Jon Tyson on “mammon” — a word you might not even recognize.

Introduce the Presenter...

- Jon Tyson is a pastor and church planter in New York City, who serves as the Lead Pastor of Church of the City New York.
- Originally from Adelaide, Australia, Jon moved to the United States twenty years ago with a passion to seek and cultivate renewal in the western church.

Overview/Show the Video (14”)...

- As you watch the video, listen to Jon’s call to “break” the hold of mammon on our lives.
- Please turn to your participant notes — there is the information about our presenter, as well as a space for you to take notes.
- **(Show the video)**

Facilitate Discussion, Affirming Women as They Contribute...

- Were you familiar with how Jon views “mammon?”
- Are there ways that the pursuit of mammon might challenge you or influence your giving?
- Did anything else stand out to you in the video?



— WORSHIP REFLECTION —

5”

“Steady Heart” — Amanda Cook and Steffany Gretzinger

- Before we close our time together, I’d like us to take a time of quiet reflection.
- While I play “Steady Heart, ask God, “what is one step, just one step, towards turning away from mammon you have for me?”
- Experience these minutes as an opportunity to stop and take a breath, to create a quiet moment to hear from God.



— CLOSE/HOMEWORK —

5”

Sharing

- We have just a few minutes.
- Would one of you be willing to share a take - away from today’s session, **Invitation to Grow?**
- Your sharing helps inform how we can pray for you this week.

Homework – Four Lessons from Jesus’ Female Funders

- The homework each week is valuable as you journey towards identity-shaped and purposeful generosity.
- This week your homework is to read the article Four Lessons from Jesus’ Female Funders.
- I look forward to being with you for **Week 2: Confidence and Courage.**





Close in Prayer

- As we close, I am going to pray for each of you.