

# DISCIPLINE

BEING AND MAKING FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

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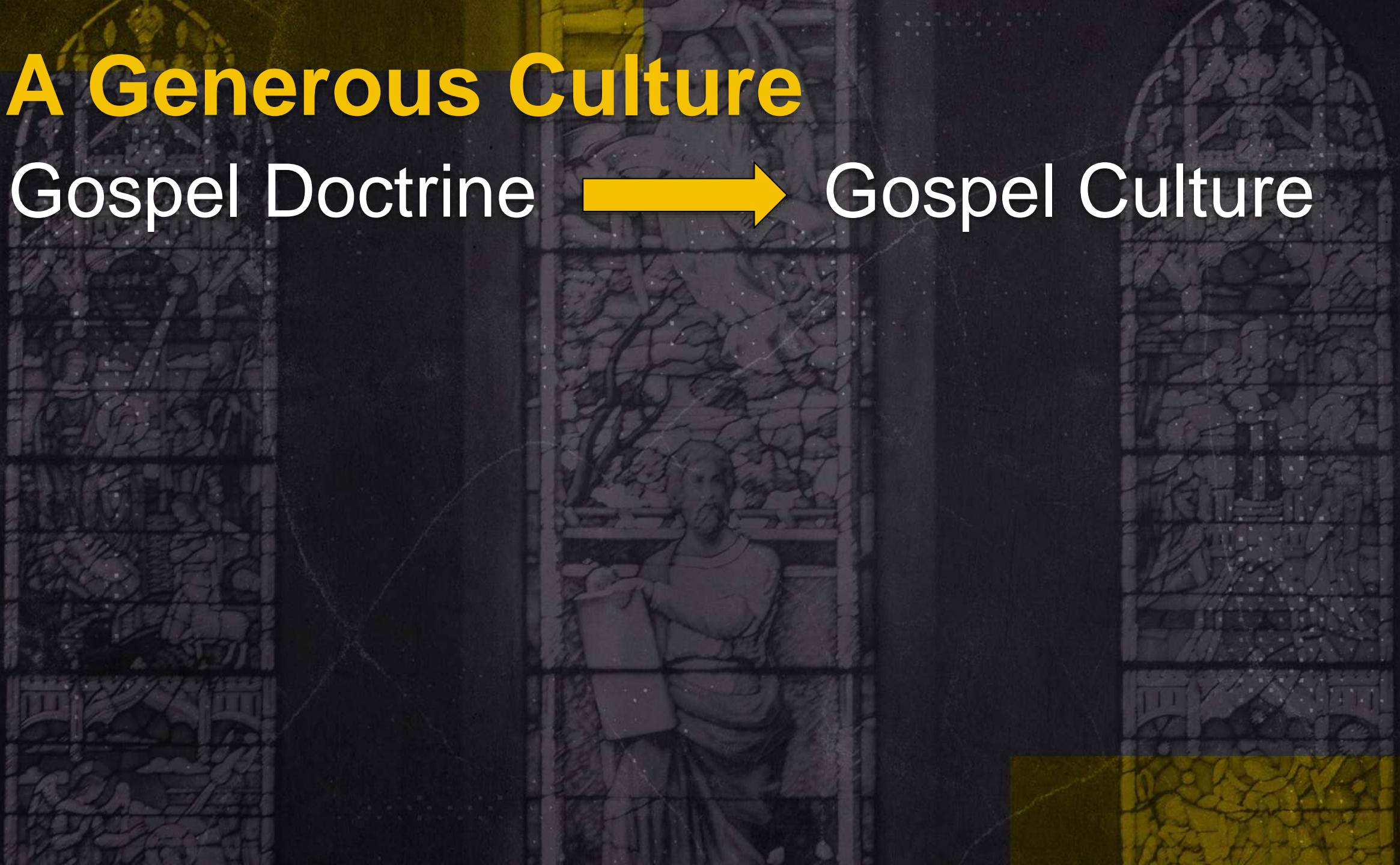
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Gospel Doctrine  Gospel Culture



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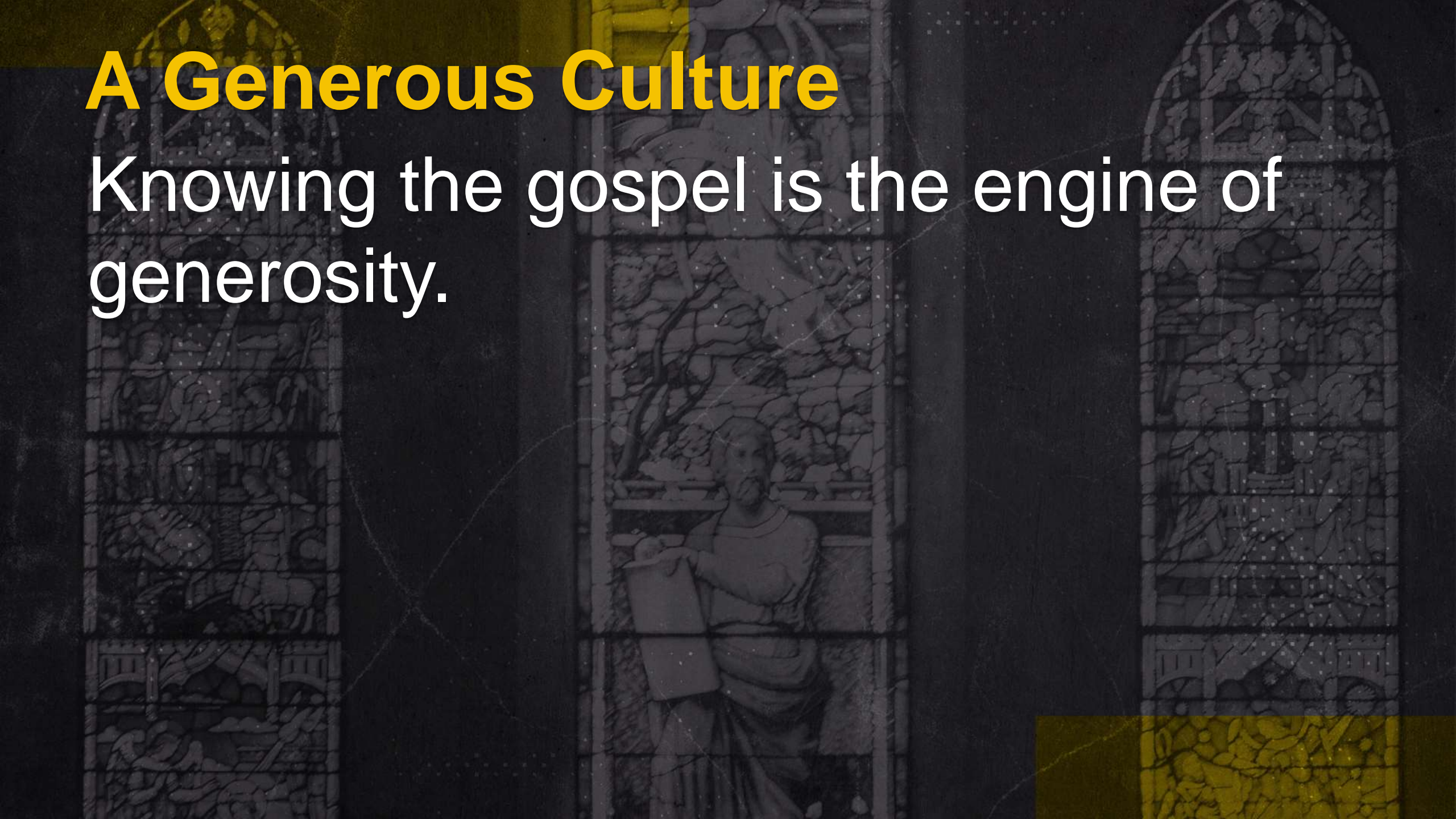
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## 2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich

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Knowing the gospel is the engine of generosity.



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## Principles for Godly Generous Living:

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## God's Plan for Financial Success:

- Work Hard
- Give Generously
- Spend and Invest Wisely
- Save Prudently

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Principles for Godly Generous Living:

2. Generosity is a matter of the heart

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Generosity does not begin with a full bank account. Generosity begins with a full heart.

Generosity is the overflow of faith in the fullness of God being displayed in our finances.

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## Principles for Godly Generous Living:

3. Contentment comes from God not from finances

## 2 Corinthians 9:8

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*Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God's wise and fatherly disposal in every condition. - Jeremiah Burroughs*

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## Principles for Godly Generous Living:

4. God's money is your money, your money is God's money

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## Principles for Godly Generous Living:

5. You do not give just to the church but you are giving through the church [ministry]

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## Principles for Godly Generous Living:

6. Generosity is a confession of the gospel