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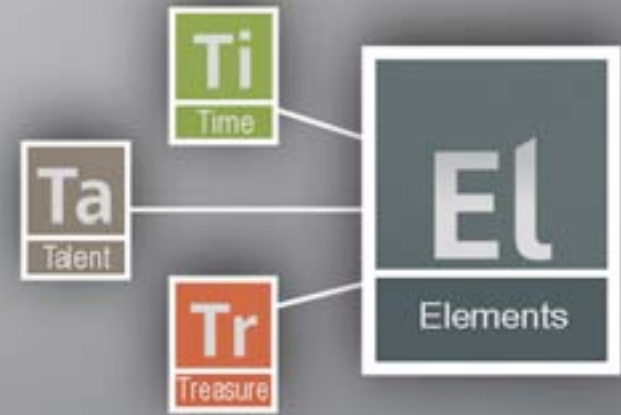
AFFLUENZA

### Open It

- Talk about a time when you were on the receiving end of someone's generosity – what was the generosity - how did it make you feel – how impeccable was the timing of the gift, etc, etc.

### Think About It

- What place did money have in your childhood? Were your parents generous or not? Did you feel privileged or deprived? How is that impacting you today?
- How has your attitude towards money changed over the years?
- What are some of the things that make it more difficult for us to be wildly generous?
- How does fear inhibit our ability to give? How might addressing fear free us for the task of giving?
- What are some of the biggest "what ifs" in life that seem to make giving impossible?
- How does an eternal perspective change our attitude toward money?
- Does realizing that the money we give away is not really ours change our attitude toward giving?
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2 Corinthians 8:13-15, 9:1-15

- In these verses what is Paul saying to the Corinthian church?
- What jumps out at you in these verses about the generosity of the church Paul was writing to?
- In these verses what promises does God give to the believer in order to comfort fear and inspire generosity?
- Read 2 Cor. 9:11, 1 Tim.6:17-19, Eph. 4:28 – what do these verses say about our responsibility as Christ followers?
- In 9:1-5 - what does generosity trigger?
- In 9:6-11 - what does generous sowing yield?
- In 9:12-15 – How does generosity bless God?

### **Apply It**

- Are you living for a higher standard of living or giving?
- Are you in so much debt that you don't have room to be generous? If so, ask God to show you and give you wisdom in how to free up some room for generosity
- God wants us to surrender everything to him including our cheque books and bank accounts – is finances and generosity an area where you need to surrender?
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