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Seven Attributes of a Generous Church

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There are seven common attributes in churches that are needed on the journey toward generosity. The full paper outlines at a very high level these common attributes of generous churches.

(The paper is available on salvos.org.au/generouslife under Resources/Ministry Leaders/Sermons & Teaching Ideas)

It is hoped these attributes can be used in two ways:

- To honestly diagnose your church when it comes to a culture of generosity
- To provide a tool to stimulate discussion among church leaders and key lay leaders

Where from 0-10 would your corps fall in these 7 attributes?

1. A generous church has generous staff and lay leaders.

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2. A generous church has a strong vision of why it exists and communicates it effectively to its members.

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3. A generous church has a strong external focus that is reflected in its budget.

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4. A generous church teaches a holistic theology of stewardship, generosity and the Kingdom.

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5. A generous church provides discipleship environments for people to work out the art and science of stewardship and generosity.

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6. A generous church has an organizational culture that supports the priesthood of believers.

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7. A generous church stewards the church's finances effectively.

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