Perfection of Generosity

Begin top right, go clockwise around

1. Why Generosity Comes First

- Opens the heart
- Loosens attachment
- **Only perfected with bodhicitta**

2. Right Motivation

- **Bodhicitta, not self-interest**
- **Dedication of merit**

3. Core View

- **All possessions are “on loan”**
- **Giving = returning, not losing**

4. Three Types of Generosity

- **Dharma** (teach, counsel, encourage)
- **Fearlessness** (remove danger, give protection)
- **Material Gifts** (train in letting go)

5. How to Give (5 Qualities)

- **With wisdom**
- **With respect**
- **With joy**
- **With timing**
- **With harmlessness**

6. Mental Giving

- When material gifts aren’t possible
- Visualize vast offerings

7. Daily Integration

- Do one generous act daily
- Visualize offerings
- Rejoice in others’ giving

8. Hindrances & Remedies

- **Stinginess** → impermanence
- **Pride** → respect, equality
- **Regret** → dedication & rejoicing

9. Advanced Ideal

- **Aspiration** to give even one’s body
- **Balanced with ethical prudence**

10. Ch. 9 vs Ch. 10

- **Ch. 9 = Mindset** (inner view, non-clinging)
- **Ch. 10 = Method** (skillful action, refinement)

11. Ultimate Aim

- **Spontaneous, joyful, wise giving**
- **Perfected method side of bodhicitta**