



**Leaving a Legacy of Generosity**  
**February 11 & 12, 2023**

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**10 Guarantees of Generosity:**

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**Generosity brings God glory.**

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**Proverbs 14:31 (ESV)**

Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

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**Generosity makes my relationship with God stronger.**

**Deuteronomy 14:23b (LB)**

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**Matthew 6:21 (ESV)**

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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**Generosity makes me more like Jesus.**

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**Luke 11:41 (LB)**

Purity is best demonstrated by generosity.

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**Generosity is the only cure for materialism.**

## **Matthew 6:24 (CEV)**

You cannot be the slave of two masters! You will like one more than the other or be more loyal to one than the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

### **Remember:**

- **My net worth does not determine my self-worth.**

## **1 Timothy 6:17-19 (GNT)**

Command those who are rich in the things of this life not to be proud, but to place their hope, not in such an uncertain thing as riches, but in God, who generously gives us everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share with others. In this way they will store up for themselves a treasure which will be a solid foundation for the future. And then they will be able to win the life which is true life.

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**Generosity demonstrates the maturity of my faith.**

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He who gives the seed to the sower and turns that seed into bread to eat, will give you the seed of generosity to sow, and, for harvest, the satisfying bread of good deeds well done.

## **Philemon 1:6 (NLT)**

And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ.

## **Malachi 3:10 (NLT)**

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!”

**This is the only area in my life I can prove there is a God — God blesses generous givers in miraculous ways.**

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**Generosity reveals my character, whether I’m selfish or selfless.**

## **Luke 16:11 (NIV)**

“So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?”

**How generous I am now determines these two realities in heaven:**

- **The extent of my heavenly rewards.**
- **The elevation of my responsibilities.**

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**Generosity brings God's rich provisions and blessings.**

## **Proverbs 22:9 (NCV)**

Generous people will be blessed, because they share their food with the poor.

## **Deuteronomy 15:10 (NCV)**

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## **Make a Dual Impact:**

- Earthly
- Eternal

## **Two Myths About Generosity:**

### **Myth #1:**

When I have more money, I'll give more money.

### **Myth #2:**

When I feel like being generous, I'll start becoming generous.

## **Question:**

Can God trust me to be generous with what I have RIGHT NOW?

**Psalm 112:5-6 (LB)**

...and all goes well for the generous man who conducts his business fairly. Such a man will not be overthrown by evil circumstances. God's constant care of him will make a deep impression on all who see it.

**God Protects:**

- **My life**
- **My family**
- **My business**
- **My church**

"I can't take this money with me but I can send it on ahead."

**Four times in the Bible it says, "Store up riches in heaven."**

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"Here's the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home."

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