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### **Why Giving is Non-negotiable:**



### **Generosity makes me most like God.**

### **Psalm 37:21 (NLT)**

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... but who am I and who are my people that we should be permitted to give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we only give you what is yours already!

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*As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.*



### **Inoculates against selfishness.**

### **Proverbs 18:1 (CEV)**

It's selfish and stupid to think only of yourself and to sneer at people who have sense.

### **Proverbs 1:18-19 (NLT)**

But these people set an ambush for themselves; they are trying to get themselves killed. Such is the fate of all who are greedy for money: it robs them of life.



### **Vitalizes my relationships.**

### **2 Corinthians 9:11-12 (GW)**

God will make you rich enough so that you can always be generous. Your generosity will produce thanksgiving to God because of us. What you do to serve others not only provides for the needs of God's people, but also produces more and more prayers of thanksgiving to God.

### **Jesus put it this way:**

### **Matthew 6:21 (NIV)**

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



### **Improves my faith.**

### **2 Corinthians 9:13 (PH)**

Moreover, your very giving proves the reality of your faith, and that means that men thank God that you practice the Gospel that you profess to believe in, as well as for the actual gifts you make to them and to others.

### **2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)**

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.



### **Notices the benefits of living generously.**

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

Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

### **Psalm 112:5 (NIV)**

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely...

### **Proverbs 11:24 (NLT)**

Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything.

### **Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)**

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.



### **Gathers an eternal investment.**

**Luke 16:9 (NLT)**

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

**1 Timothy 6:18,19 (LB)**

Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity! And they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well.

**How to Develop a Generous Heart**

- **Realize it's about a percentage and not an amount.**

**2 Corinthians 8:12 (NLT)**

Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have.

**2 Corinthians 9:7,8 (NLT)**

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

- **Give thoughtfully, voluntarily, and cheerfully.**

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For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

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