

“Living GENEROUSLY from a Whole Heart” (Part 3)

Generosity is a Matter of the Heart

- **Generosity is birthed out of remembering what Jesus has done for me!**
- **It flows out of the ever increasing depth of my appreciation and experience of all that's mine in Him!**
 - *When I know I'm loved I will love others.*
 - *When I know I'm forgiven I will forgive others.*
 - *When I receive the abundance of His grace I will be gracious and generous to others.*

The Bible says GOD IS LOVE – What does Love look like?

Our Father God devised an extravagant plan to redeem the fallen human race.

The Son of God said, 'Father, I'll Go, I'll Be the Sacrifice.'

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Behold, I have come, in the volume of the book it is written of Me, to do Your will, O God. Heb 10:7

HE GAVE, not just a 'token gift', but His only, beloved Son – to be beaten, tortured, spit upon and brutally crucified for broken people like us. LOVE LOOKS LIKE EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY!

Why Generosity in Our Lives?

Because the Father wants the World to SEE HIM IN AND THROUGH US!!! That they may see His love and goodness through our lives!! There is NO OTHER WAY they'll see HIM!

It is for THIS PURPOSE that He leads us in GENEROUS EXPRESSIONS OF HIS LOVE!

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Romans 8:29

He is making us like His Son so that all those we touch can see and experience HIM – because we are HIS BODY, THE FULLNESS OF HIM who fills all in all. Ephesians 1: 23

Generous with Our Love, Good Deeds, Blessing and Prayer

“I say to you who will hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 35...love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Luke 6:27-28, 35-36

Your generosity has the power to *awaken the conscience of others.*

To many people, generosity is so unexpected, it surprises, convicts and awakens them!!

*Is your enemy hungry? Buy him lunch. Win him over with your kindness. 22 **Your surprising generosity will awaken his conscience** and God will reward you with favor. Proverbs 25: 21-22 TPT*

*If you see your enemy hungry, go buy him lunch; if he's thirsty, bring him a drink. 22 **Your generosity will surprise him with goodness**, and God will look after you. Proverbs 25:21-22 THE MESSAGE*

Generous with Our Words to Bless Others

The first definition of **'to bless'** is to **'speak well of.'** Be generous with your words – to the waitress, to the cashier, to everyone! **They will be blessed and encouraged – you will have JOY!!**

A word fitly spoken and in due season is like apples of gold in settings of silver. Proverbs 25:11

*A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, and a word spoken in due season, how good it is!
Proverbs 15:23*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. Isaiah 50:4

Generous Toward the Poor

It's great to give to works that support the poor; it's also great to give to the poor *directly, yourself.* *It does something wonderful to your heart!*

The Apostle Paul was *EAGER* to remember the poor.

...we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do. Galatians 2:10

It is IMPOSSIBLE to out give God! He will remain a debtor to no one – *He will repay you!!*

*Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.
Proverbs 19:17-18*

The Lord Richly Rewards Generosity

*The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself.
Proverbs 11:25*

A generous man devises generous things, and by generosity he shall stand. Isaiah 32:8

*He who has a bountiful eye shall be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor.
Proverbs 22:9 AMP*

As His son or daughter, you have His very nature within you! (2Peter 1:3-4)

As you STEP INTO HIS GENEROUS SPIRIT

You are empowered to treat others in gracious ways – JUST LIKE HIM!!