



SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH, 2023

DARING FAITH: PART 9
DARING TO BE GENEROUS

*Joshua said to Israel, "Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your hearts and souls that **not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed**. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed."*

~ Joshua 23:14 (NLT)

DARING FAITH: DARING TO BE GENEROUS

YOU CAN GIVE WITHOUT LOVING, BUT YOU CANNOT LOVE WITHOUT GIVING

You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth. ~ Deuteronomy 8:18a (ESV)

12 MAJOR PROMISES ABOUT GENEROSITY IN THE BIBLE

1. GENEROSITY HONORS GOD

*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.
~ 2 Corinthians 9:13 (NLT)*

Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God. ~ Proverbs 14:31 (NIV)

2. GENEROSITY DRAWS ME CLOSER TO GOD

For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be. ~ Matthew 6:21 (NKJV)

3. GENEROSITY MAKES ME MORE LIKE JESUS

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.
~ 2 Corinthians 8:9 (NKJV)*

*Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give!
~ Proverbs 21:26 (NLT)*

4. GENEROSITY IS THE CURE FOR MATERIALISM

*No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.
~ Matthew 6:24 (NLT)*

5. GENEROSITY DEMONSTRATES MY FAITH

*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.
~ Philemon 1:6 (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!** ~ Malachi 3:10 (NLT)*

6. GENEROSITY REVEALS MY HEART

“Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” ~ Matthew 6:21

And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? ~ Luke 16:11 (NLT)

7. GENEROSITY BRINGS GOD’S BLESSING

*Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor.
~ Proverbs 22:9 (NLT)*

Give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the LORD your God will bless you in everything you do. ~ Deuteronomy 15:10 (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.”⁸ And **God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.** ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NLT)*

8. GENEROSITY INCREASES MY HAPPINESS

*You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: **‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’** ~ Acts 20:35 (NLT)*

9. GENEROSITY EXPANDS MY INFLUENCE

*Their good deeds will be remembered forever. **They will have influence and honor.**
~ Psalm 112:9*

10. GENEROSITY MULTIPLIES MY MONEY

*The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.
~Proverbs 11:25 (NLT)*

*Yes, **you will be enriched in every way** so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.
~ 2 Corinthians 9:11 (NLT)*

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. ¹⁰ Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.

~ Proverbs 3:9-10 (NLT)

11. GENEROSITY BRINGS GOD'S PROTECTION

Good comes to those who lend money generously and conduct their business fairly.

⁶ **Such people will not be overcome by evil.** Those who are righteous will be long remembered. ~ Psalm 112:5-6 (NLT)

12. GENEROSITY WILL BE REWARDED IN HEAVEN

Tell them to **use** their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life. ~ 1 Timothy 6:18-19

¹⁶ For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, **but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.**

~ Philippians 4:16-17 (NKJV)

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.**

~ Luke 16:9 (NLT)

Next Steps

- Become a follower of Jesus
- Spend time praying and fasting this week
- Attend the prayer night on Friday March 10th
- Come prepared next Sunday with your Daring Faith Offering
- Sign up for the Difference Maker seminar on March 16th