

# Ridiculous Generosity

Part One  
Kingdom Priorities



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## the Billion DOLLAR-GIVER CLUB

Bill Gates  
\$3 billion  
per year

Gordon Moore  
\$6 billion  
so far

James Stowers  
\$1.2 billion

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"You have a moral responsibility when you have been given far more than you need, to do wise things with it and give intelligently."

— J.K. Rowling

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THE MOST GENEROUS  
PERSON EVER

# Jesus

"You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus. Though he was rich became poor for your sakes, so that by his poverty he could make you rich."

— 1 Corinthians 8:9

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KINGDOM  
PRIORITY OF

# Jesus

The preeminent priority of the King was his ridiculous generosity, culminating in the ultimate generosity of giving his life for the sins of the world.

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# Generosity

is not about money only;  
it is about a **mindset**.



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KINGDOM  
PRIORITY OF **Jesus**

**1** Through Jesus' generosity,  
we learn that God is a giver.

"As bad as you are, you still know how to give good things  
to your children. How much more, then, will your  
Heavenly Father give good things to those who ask!"

Matthew 7:11

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GOD'S  
**Generosity**  
AND ME

**God is not stingy:** "God so loved the world that he gave..."

John 3:16a

**God is not cheap:** "He gave his only begotten son, so that  
you would not perish, but by believing, have everlasting life."

John 3:16b

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PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES OF  
**Generosity**

**The Principle**

God will **always** be generous with me  
since he's a giving God.

**The Practice**

I can claim that God's lavish  
generosity as a promise for my life.

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KINGDOM  
PRIORITY OF **Jesus**

**2** Through Jesus' generosity, I learn that I have been called to be ridiculously generous.

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"You've heard it said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I say, don't resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you."

— **Matthew 5:38-42**

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THE RADICAL ETHIC OF A  
**Generous**  
KINGDOM

Jesus demands a costly and risky ethic from me: loving, forgiving and giving generosity as a way to reveal a generously good Father who is always loving, forgiving and giving.

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THE *basis* OF  
CHRIST'S DEMAND

"Freely you have received,  
so freely give."

*Matthew 10:8*

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PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES OF  
*Generosity*

*The Principle*

I only get to keep what I am willing to give away.

"Stinginess impoverishes. Generosity begets  
generosity." *Mark 4:25 (MSG)*

*The Practice*

To have more, I must give more; I must  
become ridiculously generous.

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KINGDOM  
PRIORITY OF

*Jesus*

**3** Through Jesus' generosity,  
I learn that every acts of  
generosity is a seed.

"God's Kingdom is like a very small seed—a  
mustard seed. Plant it in the soil and after a while  
it'll grow into a very big plant."

*Mark 4:30-32*

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PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES OF

# Generosity

## The Principle

If I am stingy, reluctant and fearful, I will forfeit the law of the harvest.

## The Practice

I must sow generously to initiate God's oversight of my harvest.

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## EVERY SEED THAT I SOW IN GENEROSITY IS GENEROSITY TO GOD.

"When you're generous to the least of these, you're generous to me," Jesus said in Matthew 25:45.

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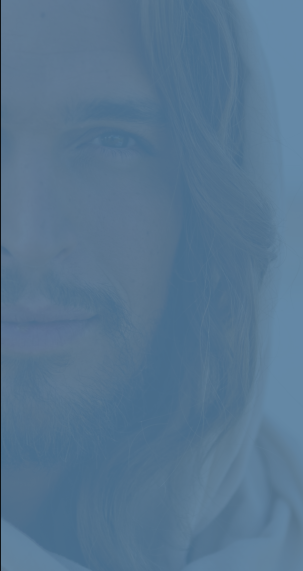
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When I learn that **uncalculated generosity**, even in the simplest things, helps others, I will then know the joy of being generous with Jesus himself.

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