

Ridiculous Generosity

Part Two Kingdom Principles



“Tell those rich in worldly wealth not to be so self-focused and so obsessed with money. It’s here today but gone tomorrow. Rather, they should be obsessed with God, who gives unbelievable riches, and to be ridiculously generous in helping others. If they do that, they will build a treasury that will last, gaining life that’s truly life.”

— 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (MSG) —

WHO ARE the Rich?

If I earn **\$30,000** annually, I am in the top **1%** of the world wealthiest.

If I earn **\$2,000** annually, I am in the top **20%** of the world’s wealthiest.

— Source: Global Rich List

WHY Generosity?

1 Generosity is good for my body

"Your body will glow with health, your
bones will vibrate with life!"

— Proverbs 3:8 (MSG.)



"The generous will prosper;
those who refresh others will
themselves be refreshed."

— Proverbs 11:25

WHY Generosity?

2 Generosity is good for my soul

"I pray that you may prosper in
all things and be in health, just as
your soul prospers."

— 3 John 1:2



Soul Prosperity

It is more blessed to give than receive."
Acts 20:35

Blessed
markarios:
to be hilariously happy

WHY Generosity?

3 Generosity is good for my spirit.

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

Matthew 6:21



THE SPIRITUAL BENEFITS OF GENEROUS GIVING:

Matthew 6:19-34

- **Investment in the eternal:**
"Store your treasures in heaven" vv. 19-21
- **Purification of my spirit:**
"When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light" vv. 22-23
- **Protection from worry:**
"So don't worry about these things" vv. 25-34
- **Divine abundance:**
"God will give you everything you need" v. 33

THE SPIRITUAL BENEFITS OF GENEROUS GIVING:

Matthew 6:19-34

- **Freedom from the god of mammon:**
"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." v. 23



Fallen human culture
perpetuates the
greatest lie of all:
that happiness can be
purchased or held in
financial accounts.

It cannot!

HOW TO DEVELOP
A MINDSET OF **Generosity**

**I must start with
where I am.**

"Use what's in your hand."

Exodus 4:2

"Feed them with what you've got."

Matthew 14:13-21

**To become
ridiculously
generous, I
must open my
hand and do
what I can!**

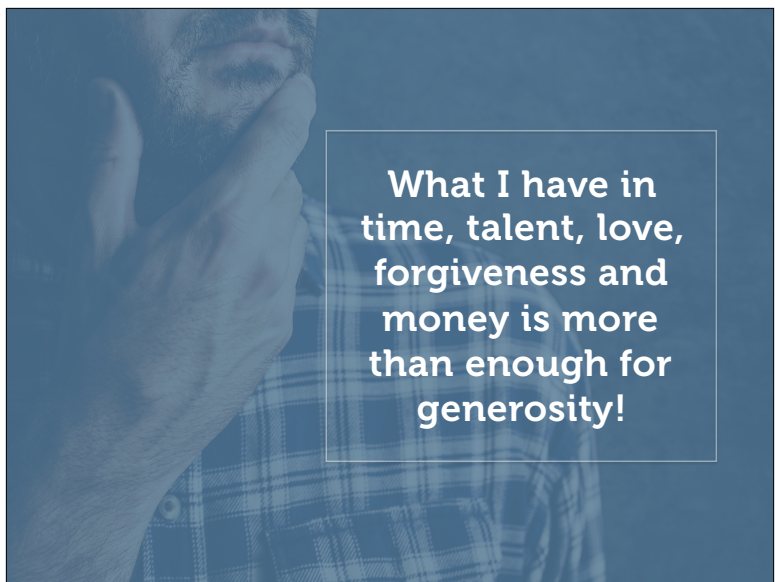
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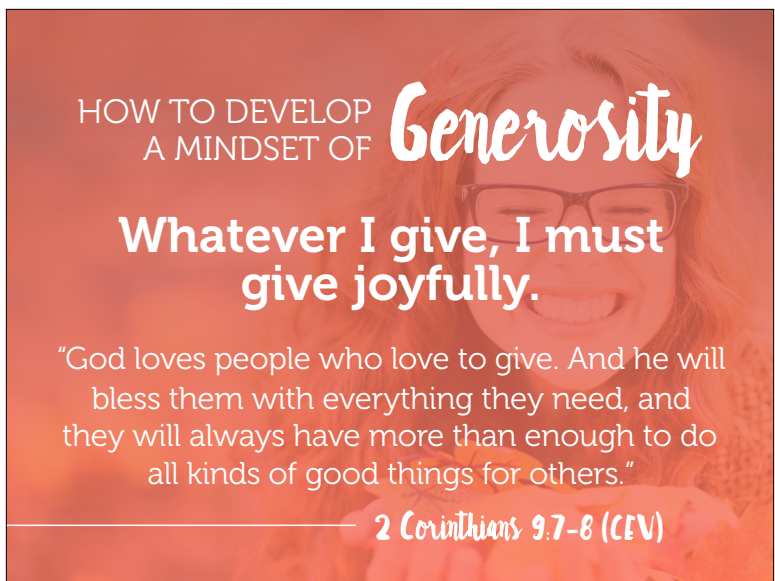
**I must not be intimidated
by what I don't have.**

"I tell you, this poor widow has put in
more than all the others. They gave out
of their wealth; but she out of her poverty
put in all she had to live on."

Luke 21:3-4



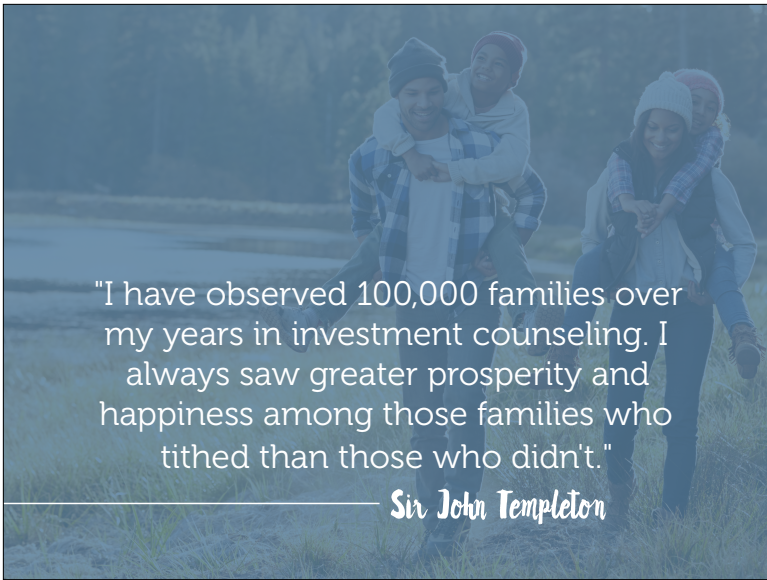






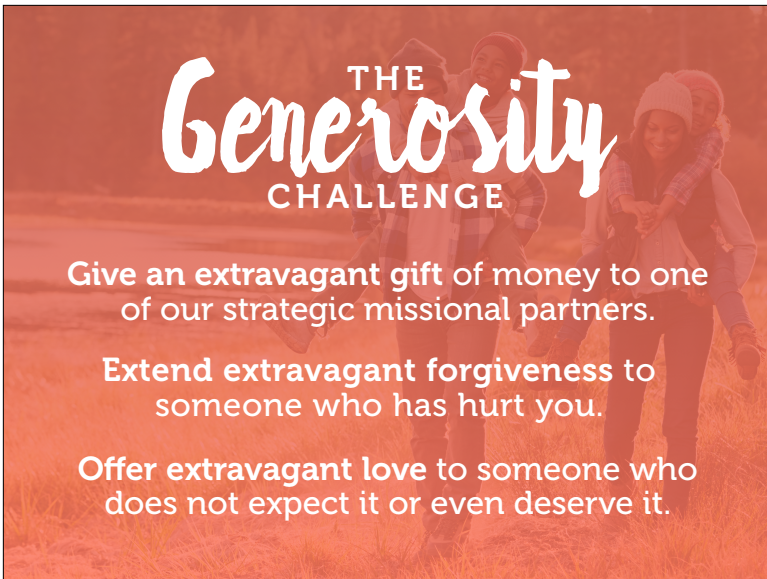
My cheerful giving to God

unleashes God's generosity to me—and with it, the joy of the Lord—and I enter the joyful cycle of generous giving.



"I have observed 100,000 families over my years in investment counseling. I always saw greater prosperity and happiness among those families who tithed than those who didn't."

— *Sir John Templeton*



THE *Generosity* CHALLENGE

Give an extravagant gift of money to one of our strategic missional partners.

Extend extravagant forgiveness to someone who has hurt you.

Offer extravagant love to someone who does not expect it or even deserve it.

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