



Sermon Outline
November 12, 2023
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Open Heart
Open Home
Romans 12:13

Lesson #8 - University of Practical Faith

Romans 12:13 - Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. - **NIV**

When God's people are in need, be ready to help them.

Always be eager to practice hospitality. - **NLT**

*** Two Practical Expressions of Faith:**

1. When there's a need, be _____.

Acts 2:44-45 - All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

*** The generosity of God's grace should _____ generosity in our hearts.**

Matthew 10:8b - Freely you have received; freely give.

*** Our generosity is what _____ generosity in return.**

Luke 6:38 - Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Proverbs 11:24 - One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

*** The nemesis of generosity is _____ which can be fueled by a scarcity mentality.**

** Greed not only leads us to try to get all we can but also hold tightly to all of it and not let go.*

1 John 3:17 - If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

*** An important question:** "Does _____ help others to see that my Heavenly Father is generous?"

Luke 3:11 - John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

2. When the opportunity arises, be _____.

1 Peter 4:9 - Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

*** Hospitality will be costly in terms of _____ including:** Time, finances, emotional energy.

*** Being hospitable will require _____ boundaries.**

*** The biblical meaning for hospitality is: loving _____.**

Hebrews 13:2 - Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

*** Hospitality will be _____:** Bringing blessing, enhancing relationships, and creating community.

Acts 2:46-47 - Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Three practical practices to implement:

1. _____ at least one person to your church home every week.

2. _____ from your abundance with someone else once a month.

3. _____ someone new once a quarter.