

**Sermon Outline** August 7, 2016 **Pastor Bryan Myers** 

## **The Cause of Generosity**

		Luke 19:1-10
Generosit	-	illingness to share
<b>Biblical</b>	affirmatio	ons of generosity:
<b>Psalm 112:5</b> - Go freely, who conduct		those who are generous and lendith justice.
<b>Proverbs 22:9</b> - 7 share their food wi	-	ill themselves be blessed, for they
		his: Whoever sows sparingly will sows generously will also reap
	_	e words the Lord Jesus himself e than to receive."
The G	ist of Ger	nerosity Series:
* The Cause	e of Gene	rosity
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We make a living we give Winst	,	net, but we make a life by what

Money is more than money to us; it is identity and \_\_\_\_\_.

This is the only instance given in any of the four gospels of Jesus himself to someone's home.
Zacchaeus thought was seeking Jesus, but Jesus was seeking
<b>Luke 19:10 -</b> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.
There's nothing you can do that will make God love you and nothing you can do that will make Him love you
<b>Romans 5:8 -</b> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Any transition from greed to generosity requires a change of made possible by the application of grace.
<b>Luke 19:8-9a -</b> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house.
The true mark of a grace filled heart is a life.
"An open heart cannot maintain a closed hand."  Warren Wiersbe
<b>Acts 2:44-45</b> - All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.
Christian generosity is a in which we share what we have as a response to the grace of God in our life.
Today's take-a-way:  Identify the area of your life where you are the greediest or stingiest and liberally apply some grace to it.