



Sermon Outline
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The Power of Generosity

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Generosity = a willingness to share one's _____ liberally.

I'll bet you've never really met an _____ generous person.

Acts 20:35b – ...remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: **"It is more blessed to give than to receive."**

The practice of generosity is _____.

2 Corinthians 8:2-3a - In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.

Generosity is the antidote for _____.

Greed hides in people's blind spots. The problem is that generally speaking when you are greedy you don't know that you are. - **Tim Keller**

Luke 12:15 - Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

Generosity _____ my resources.

Proverbs 11:25 - A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

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.

Generosity enables me to _____ what I can't take with me.

1 Timothy 6:18-19a - Command them...to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age...

Generosity creates _____.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 - Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Today's take-a-way:

*Identify a step to take to release the power of generosity in your life. **Suggested Steps:***

- 1) Begin to tithe.*
- 2) Practice having a "God Pocket".*
- 3) Sponsor a child.*
- 4) Pay a bill for someone who could use the help.*
- 5) Begin to give beyond the tithe.*
- 6) Give to or serve at a ministry for people in need.*
- 7) Go to a senior citizen's home and visit.*
- 8) Pay for the car behind you in the drive thru.*

***"We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give."***