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Courageous Generosity – Part 1 of 3

Key Principle: Everybody gives something SOMEWHERE. As a result, we often define ourselves by RANDOM ACTS of giving.

Key Truth #1: When you become a courageously generous person, you will GIVE more, SAVE more and CONSUME less.

The Reasons Why Courageous Generosity Must Be Taught:

- It does not come NATURALLY.
- In America it is CULTURAL.
- We don't feel RICH, but we are. Ironically, we feel GENEROUS, because we aren't.

Four Myths About Generosity

- It is SPONTANEOUS.
- It is determined by CASH FLOW.
- It is the AMOUNT that counts.
- RICH people are generous.

Definition of Courageous Generosity: It is the PLANNED, CALCULATED, DESIGNATED FREEING of your personal financial assets.

“...Remembering the words, the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35b (NIV)

KEY TRUTH #2: These words of Jesus do not refer to a MOMENT in time. This was a reference to a WAY OF LIVING.

KEY TRUTH #3: HAPPINESS is an outcome of a lifestyle of courageous generosity.

KEY TAKE-A-WAY: It's not trying to GET something from you. It's teaching you how to BE something.