

Sermon Title: Generous

Sermon Series: Fear Not

Scripture: Luke 12:32-34

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Generosity Cap

The amount you have to give relates to the amount of treasure you have.

How can we be _____ when there are so many
_____?

_____ not –

Luke 12:32a ESV

32 “Fear not, little flock...”

Luke 12:33 ESV

33 Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

_____ not because you have a _____,
_____, and _____

Luke 12:32 ESV

32 “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Psalm 23 ESV

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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2 Corinthians 6:18 ESV

18 and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”

Psalm 103:13 ESV

13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Psalm 68:5 ESV

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

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1 Chronicles 29:11-12 ESV

11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

Isaiah 6:5 ESV

5 And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

1 Timothy 1:17 ESV

17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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_____ not because you've been _____ the
_____ of God

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John 17:3 ESV

3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

1 John 4:18 ESV

18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

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32 “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:34 ESV

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

_____ not leads to _____.

Live with God’s _____ so you can be _____
Generous

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some of the ways people have been extremely generous towards you?
2. Have you ever hit your generosity cap? What emotions were you feeling when you hit that?
3. What were the fears you felt when you hit the generosity cap?
4. What do you think the presence of someone you love can help calm fears?
5. Read Luke 12:32-34

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– What was something from the passage or sermon that surprised you, helped you, confused you, or bothered you?

– What does this passage tell us about God? People? Living to please God?

6. How could you remind yourself that you have a Shepherd, Father, King this week?

7. What is a truth about God from these verses that helps you view him as your Shepherd, Father, or King? Psalm 23, 2 Corinthians 6:18, Psalm 103:13, Psalm 68:5, 1 Chronicles 29:11-12, Isaiah 6:5, 1 Timothy 1:17

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8. What would change in your life if you believed you had a Shepherd, Father, King, with you?

9. Why might we be afraid to be generous with our money, time, and talents?

10. Who can you be generous to this Christmas season with your money, talents, or time?

11. This week, how can this group help point you to God with your fear?