

# SERMON NOTES:

SPECIAL GUEST Ryan Yates: *Give What You Got*

**BIG Idea:** A generous life reflects the heart of our generous God, sowing what He's placed in us so His goodness can flourish in the lives around us.

**Application:** Share what God has entrusted to you—your time, gifts, resources, and influence—and let generosity become a defining part of how you follow Jesus.

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**Our God is a generous God.**

**Galatians 6:6-10 (NASB)**

“<sup>6</sup> The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him. <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a person sows, this he will also reap. <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will reap destruction from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> Let's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary. <sup>10</sup> So then, while we have opportunity, let's do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.”

**Be “one who is taught...”**

**“I AM” ... “A STUDENT OF THE WORD”**

**1 Timothy 5:17-18 (NASB)**

“<sup>17</sup> The elders who lead well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. <sup>18</sup> For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle the ox while it is threshing,” and “The laborer is worthy of his wages.” (*Quoting Deuteronomy 25*)

**Be generous with your time!**

**Honor your leaders.**

**Matthew 23:11-12 (NLT)**

“<sup>11</sup> The greatest among you must be a servant. <sup>12</sup> But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

**Matthew 19:21-22 (NASB)**

“<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to him, “If you want to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” <sup>22</sup> But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.”

**Generosity starts with complete surrender to Him.**

**Galatians 6:7-8 (NASB)**

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**This life may not always look good, it may not always feel good, but He is always good.**

**Galatians 6:9 (NASB)**

“<sup>9</sup> Let’s not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary.

**When you feel alone:**

**Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)**

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**When anxiety is consuming your mind:**

**Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**When fear is taking over:**

**2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV)**

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

**Philippians 4:13 (ESV)**

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

**When the answers don’t come like we wanted them to:**

**Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**When you need to remind yourself that it's all for Him:**

**1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV)**

Therefore, my beloved brothers(and sisters), be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

**Make a commitment to God and yourself to Share What You've Been Given.**

## **Additional Passages**

**Isaiah 32:8 (NLT)**

"But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity."

**2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT)**

"For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you."

**2 Corinthians 9:13 (NLT)**

"As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ."

**Philemon 1:6 (NLT)**

"And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ."

**It is out of the abundance of your heart that generosity flows.**

## **Reflection:**

- What is your heart filled with?
- Does your life bear the fruit of generosity?
- What steps can you take to live a life of generosity?