

GENEROSITY – The Signature of God in our Lives Decade To Make A Difference – Pt 6 Pastor Craig Coulter

Generosity is the signature of God on our lives!

WHY SHOULD YOU BE GENEROUS?

- To live your life to the honor and the glory of God.
- One of the defining attributes of God is His generosity.

Examples of the Generousness of God

- Water Turned to Wine John 2:1-12 3,500 6 oz glasses
- The Samaritan Woman at the Well John 4:1-30

OVCN never looks more like God than when we are a community of generous people.

Our PURPOSE:

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it **ALL** for the glory of God." (I Corinthians 10:31 NIV)

"For you were bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body..." (I Corinthians 6:20 KJV)

• Glorifying God – is making the invisible God – visible – in my world.

SO HOW CAN YOU BE GENEROUS?

• In the Bible – the opposite of generosity is: **<u>GREED</u>**

Examples of our greed:

"You may freely eat the fruit of EVERY tree in the garden..." (Genesis 2:16 NIV)

"And the serpent said, 'Eve, did God say you could not eat of every tree in the garden?"" (Genesis 3:1)

In that moment there was a transition from generosity to greed.

"Then someone called from the crowd, 'Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father's estate with me.' Jesus said, 'BEWARE! Guard against every kind of greed. Because life is not measured by how much you own.'" (Luke 12:13, 15)