



## **GENEROUS**

The Ripple Effect – Part 4

Isaiah 32:8

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*It is more blessed to give than to receive. (Acts 20:35)*

When faced with \_\_\_\_\_ (this situation)

I have pre-decided \_\_\_\_\_ (to take this action).

- I am **GENEROUS!**

*Then he said, "I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. And I'll sit back and say to myself, 'My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!'" (Luke 12:18-19)*

- If you want to be generous when you have more –  
Then you have to learn to be generous when you have less!

### **TWO QUALITIES OF GENEROUS PEOPLE:**

#### **1. GENEROUS PEOPLE PLAN TO BE GENEROUS.**

*But generous people **plan to do what is generous**, and they **stand firm in their generosity**. (Isaiah 32:8 NLT)*

- Spend > Make > Lack margin > Worry more

Bring **the whole tithe** into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house...  
(Malachi 3:10 NIV)

- **Spend more > Lack > Worry > Give > God blesses > Builds my faith**

**We give God our first and our best – and trust Him to bless the rest!**

## **2. GENEROUS PEOPLE ALWAYS “ROUND UP.”**

*All day long he [the lazy and selfish] craves and craves, but the righteous gives and does not hold back. (Proverbs 21:26 ESV)*

*The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, “Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.” (Luke 10:35 NLT)*

*...if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount. (Luke 19:8 NIV)*