



## August 30, 2026 “Freedom through Generosity”

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—SERVE THE WORLD

*While stewardship provides discipline and management, generosity provides the active release and purpose.*

**Philippians 2:3–4 NIV**

**1.** Generosity **flows from our heart**, not our hands.

**Matthew 6:19–24**

✦ Rather than placing confidence in wealth, our trust should rest in God and in Him alone.

*Christianity is not about serving and obeying God out of duty; it is doing all that we do for God out of relationship.*

**2.** Generosity is not mandated; **it is consecrated**.

*Generosity is not a mandate of God's law; it is something holy. It is something that comes from a motivation of one's heart that has been consecrated through Jesus.*

**2 Corinthians 9:6–8, 1 Corinthians 16:1–2, Malachi 3:8–10**

✦ God's law acts like a mirror, reflecting our true moral state and clearly exposing our sins before God.

**Ezekiel 36:26–27, Romans 7:4–14**

✦ Being freed from the curse of the law doesn't eliminate God's standards; *it changes our relationship to them.*

**Matthew 23:23**

*Tithing is not a mandate of the law; it is a motivation of the heart, concerning our love for God and His lordship over our life.*

✦ We are to honor the lord in the way we give, save, and spend—**in that order**.

**3.** Generosity brings **freedom**.

**Deuteronomy 8:17–18**

✦ Freedom emerges when financial decisions reflect trust in God's provision rather than material blessings.

**4.** Generosity is found in the **character of God**.

**John 3:16**

**CHALLENGE:** *What area of finances holds me bound, and in what way can I release the manacles?*