

✓ Gratitude and Generosity

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Appreciation

- **Ps Andrew and Christine**
 - [Heb 6:10](#) *For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.*
- **Ps Godwin and Alice**
 - [Jos 1:9](#) *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

I. Gratitude and Generosity

1. Gratitude and Generosity is the Overflow of a Heart Surrendered to God

- [Jhn 7:38](#) *He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."*
[Jhn 7:39](#) *But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive;*
- **The heart surrendered to the Holy Spirit overflows with Gratitude and Generosity**
- **Gratitude:**
 - To express deep appreciation and thankfulness as a result of favour received
 - Praying in Tongues is an expression of gratitude and thanks (1Cor.14:16)
 - Gratitude honours the Giver (Ps.69:30)
 - Gratitude needs to be specific
 - Gratitude is how we enter the presence of God
- **Generosity:**
 - It is a practical expression of love to someone
 - God is Love...God so loved he gave (Jn.3:16)
 - Love gives freely.
 - Love is generous
 - Eg Lk. 10 The Good Samaritan...gave
 - He gave attention, time, resources, practical help
 - He bound up his wounds
 - He poured in Oil and the Winethe anointing of HSp
- **The Heart that is Bound is set on Self preservation**
 - WithholdsTends to Poverty (Prov.11:24)
 - Gives Conditionally -Transactionally (No heavenly reward)

2. Gratitude and Generosity are Evidence of Freedom and Overflow

- **Examples:**
 - 1. Jesus**
 - Acts.10:38 Anointed...went about 'Doing Good"...benefactor.giving generously to people
 - 2. NT : Pentecost Outpouring of Holy Spirit**
 - Acts.2 People gladly shared and gave what they had to those in need
 - 3. Israel leaving Egypt**
 - Exod.15: They sang and danced and thanked The Lord for freedom from bondage
 - 4. Israel: Building of the Tabernacle Moses.**
 - [Exo 35:21](#) *Then everyone came whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and they brought the LORD's offering for the work of the tabernacle of meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments.*
 - [Exo 36:6](#) *So Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary." And the people were restrained from bringing,*
 - 5. David: Solomons Temple.**

- [1Ch 29:3](#) Moreover, **because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver:**

6. Building a Generational Legacy

- [Pro 13:22](#) A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children,
- Godliness is connected to generational building and generosity

6. The Righteous Man is Generous

- **OT: Righteousness was seen through actions**
- Proverbs 21:26 (NKJV) "The righteous gives and does not spare."
 - "Righteous" ... Heb. Tsedaqah (צדקה).. also "charity" or "acts of justice."
 - Righteousness (Tsedaqah) = right relationship expressed through generosity, mercy and justice
- **In Hebrew thinking, righteousness and generosity are inseparable.**
 - In Hebrew thinking righteousness is relational and practical and not just something internal.
 - Generosity is the fruit of righteousness.
 - You cannot be righteous and stingy at the same time
- **NT: Christ is our righteousness ...righteous by faith in His Work alone**
 - How does it show in your life?

7. Intentional Generosity to the Poor

- [Lev 23:22](#) "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleaning from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger: I am the LORD your God." "
- [Isa 32:8](#) But a generous man devises generous things, And by generosity he shall stand.
 - "Generous" Heb. Nadiyah....Willing hearted, free hearted,
 - It also means someone who is princely or noble in mind and character
- **A Generous person has a free spirit and heart to give and bless others**
 - A Generous person demonstrates princely or noble thinking and character.
 - **A Generous person devises or plans intentionally how he may give.**
 - **His giving is thoughtful and intentional**
- **Question: Am I "A Taker" or am I "A Giver"?**
 - Does my life overflow with Generosity or am I known for 'Being Tight'?
 - Do I add value in my relationships and community or extract it?
 - Do I see myself as an Owner or a Steward of what I possess?

II. Transitions Expose Our Heart Condition

1. Key Passage

- [2Sa 6:11](#) The ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months. And the LORD blessed Obed-Edom and all his household.
- [2Sa 6:12](#) Now it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with gladness.
- [2Sa 6:13](#) And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep.
- [2Sa 6:14](#) Then David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod.
- [2Sa 6:15](#) So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.
- David and Michal
- [2Sa 6:16](#) Now as the ark of the LORD came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.
- [2Sa 6:17](#) So they brought the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.
- [2Sa 6:18](#) And when David had finished offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.
- [2Sa 6:19](#) Then he distributed among all the people, among the whole multitude of Israel, both the women and the men, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of meat, and a cake of raisins. So all the people departed, everyone to his house.
- [2Sa 6:20](#) Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!"

2Sa 6:21 So David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me instead of your father and all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel. Therefore I will play music before the LORD.

2Sa 6:22 And I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sight. But as for the maidservants of whom you have spoken, by them I will be held in honor."

2Sa 6:23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

2. **Background: Time of Transition**

○ **Transition from the reign of King Saul to King David**

- David and Michal his wife were deeply in love
- Both went through preparation for their promotion and next season

○ **David**

- He was abused, attacked and hunted down by King Saul
- His wife was given to another man
- Those who befriended and helped David were killed
- He was driven from his homeland to the land of enemies
- He lived in fear of death daily
- He kept his heart free of offence during the season of preparation
- He maintained a heart of gratitude and trust in God

○ **Michal**

- The man she loved was driven from her
- She was made to marry another man
- She was abused by her father
- Her marriage and life were ruined
- She became bitter in heart against all men

II. **David's Generosity**

○ **David's heart was free: Expressed in Gratitude and Generosity**

1. **He Blessed The Lord Generously.**

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3. **He Blessed His Family Generously.**

- 2Sa 6:20 Then David returned to bless his household.

III. **Michal's Poverty.**

1. **Michal's heart was bound: Expressed in Despising and Withholding**

1. **She chose to Spectate instead of Participate**

- 2Sa 6:16 Now as the ark of the LORD came into the City of David, **Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.**

2. **She Chose to Despise rather than Honour**

- 2Sa 6:16 Now as the ark of the LORD came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the LORD; and **she despised him in her heart.**

3. **She Chose to Criticise rather than Appreciate**

- 2Sa 6:20 Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "**How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!**"

2. **Heart Bitterness Resulted in Barrenness**

- 2Sa 6:23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.
 - Barren Heart
 - Barren Spiritually

- Barren Marriage
- Barren Womb
- Barren legacy

3. **Bitterness Defiles and Destroys**

- [Heb 12:15](#) *looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;*
- Bitterness is a spiritual root that grows in the heart
 - Grief or Loss
 - Injustice
 - Offence
 - Disappointment
 - Trauma
 - Betrayal
 - Unexpected Delays
 - Feeling taken for granted
- **Unresolved bitterness in the heart hinders us entering Gods' Blessings and Promises**
 - Eg. Israel: Exod.15 Waters of Marah
- **How you leave one season determines how you enter your next season**

IV. **Altar Call: Call to Freedom**

- **Freedom from Bitterness**
- **Freedom from Disappointments**
- **Freedom from Grief**
- **Freedom from Trauma**
- **Freedom from Poverty**