

## 1. GENEROSITY REFLECTS A SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE

[2 Corinthians 9:6](#)

[Proverbs 11:24–25](#) “24 There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more, And there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want. 25 The generous man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered.”

[Galatians 6:7–9](#) “7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9 Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.”

[James 5:7–8](#) “7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. 8 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.”

## 2. GENEROSITY COMES FROM A PREPARED HEART

[2 Corinthians 9:7](#)

[Jeremiah 24:7](#) “7 I will give them a heart to know Me, for I am the Lord; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart.”

“God loves a cheerful giver”

[1 Peter 1:8](#) “8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,”

[2 Corinthians 5:17](#) “17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.”

### 3. GENEROSITY FLOWS FROM GOD’S ABUNDANT GRACE

[2 Corinthians 9:8](#)

We give because:

- God gave first -

[John 3:16](#) “16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

- Jesus became poor that we might become rich spiritually

[2 Corinthians 8:9](#) “9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.”

- Everything we have is a gift

[James 1:17](#) “17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.”

#### 1. Examine your heart