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The Generous Heart (#3 of 3) May 7, 2017

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- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God is asking us to lean into?
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- 2) What challenged or encouraged you about this message? What did you find compelling about the video Miracle in Franklin? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gXkyE_Cgru0 Share about an experience with generosity that you have had.
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- 4) Read Malachi 3:8-10. How faithful had the Israelites been in regard to God's command in Lev. 27:30-34? What are the implications for them? What challenge does God give them and what promise is attached to this challenge? How does this apply to us today?
- 5) Read 2 Cor. 8:1-9. What do we learn about the Macedonian church? What did they do and why did they do it? How does this challenge us today?
- 6) Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-10. What is the principle of "sowing and reaping"? How does this apply to generosity? What principles does the Apostle Paul provide in relation to giving back to God? What do you need to apply today?
- 7) What step is God asking you to take as it relates to generosity? In what ways do you need to:
 - Submit to God and others?
 - Start Somewhere with giving?
 - · Stretch in more generous ways?



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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor May 7, 2017



Ephesians 5:1-10 Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. 2 Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. 3 Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. 4 Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. 5 You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. 6 Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. 7 Don't participate in the things these people do. 8 For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! 9 For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. 10 Carefully determine what pleases the Lord.

Understanding the Nature of Greed:

- Greed can HIDE.
- Greed can SPEND.
- Greed can SAVE.

The Litmus Test for Greed: Greed can hide in <u>SPENDING</u> or in <u>SAVING</u> but it cannot hide in GIVING.

Leviticus 27:30-34

Malachi 3:8-10.

Ephesians 1:3 "All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ."

Tithing can be a good place to **START** but it's not the place to **STOP**.

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

2 Corinthians 8:9 "You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich."

Big Idea: Giving in response to the <u>GOSPEL</u> helps us combat <u>GREED</u> and grow a GENEROUS heart.

What is your next step?

- SUBMIT to Christ and others.
- START Somewhere.
- STRETCH into Greater Generosity.

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation (NLT).