

Message Notes:

To start his message Byron shares a story about a linguistic, Bible translation missionary in Mexico named Eunice Pike (late 1930's to late 1970's). One difficult-to-navigate cultural difference with these Mazatec people was their belief in "limited good." It led them to not want to speak well, or do good to, one another. To help you meant there was "less good" available in the universe for me.

This story represents a set of values that are completely contrary to the Word of God.

- 2 Corinthians 9:6
- Galatians 6:7
- Proverbs 11:25
- Luke 6:38
- Matthew 6:22-23

"The life and ministry of Jesus was marked with an astonishing generosity." (NT Wright)

- Matthew 5:38-42

See Matthew 5:13-16 — We are "salt and light."

Quote by Roy Hattersley: "Christians are the people most likely to take the risks and make the sacrifices involved in helping others."

Discussion Questions:

Why do you think some people are naturally miserly (selfish)?

Why do some people find it easier to be generous?

Read each of the following verses about generosity and apply them to your life.

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- Galatians 6:7
- Proverbs 11:25
- Luke 6:38
- Matthew 6:22-23
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On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the "most generous"), where do you think you fall on the continuum? Are you ok with that?

Think about this quote by Roy Hattersley:

"Christians are the people most likely to take the risks and make the sacrifices involved in helping others."

- Agree or disagree? Why?