

Open-Heart

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The motivation of generosity is not because we should (guilt), but because we care (love)...

*I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. (**Phil. 4:10**)*

Relational generosity requires you to “open up”...

Your heart (vulnerability) - *“It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart...God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.” (**Phil. 1:7-8**)*

Your home (hospitality) - *“Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” (**Rom. 12:13**)*

Your mouth (blessing) - *“All spoke well of Him (Jesus) and were amazed at the gracious words that came from His lips.” (**Luke 4:22a**)*

The gift of...

Grateful words - **“Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” (**1 Thes. 5:18, NLT**)*

Honoring words - *“Greet Andronicus and Junias, my relatives who*

have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles...Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who work hard in the Lord..." (**Rom. 16:7, 12a**)

Soft words - *"Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."* (**Prov. 16:24**)

Cautious words - *"He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity."* (**Prov. 21:23**)

Your life (transparency) - *"We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us."* (**1 Thes. 2:8**)

Your hands (surrender) - *"Rich and poor have this in common: The Lord is the Maker of them all."* (**Prov. 22:2**)

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." (**Heb. 13:16**)