Summary

In this sermon, the pastor shares about a recent missions trip to India where over 4,300 families received fresh vegetables through the generosity of the church. He uses this experience as a launching point to discuss the condition of our hearts when it comes to money, generosity, and the resources God has entrusted to us. Drawing from Matthew 12, 1 Chronicles 29, and 2 Corinthians 8-9, he challenges the congregation to examine what truly lives in their hearts, reminding them that out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks and life flows. The pastor addresses common heart issues around money, including fear, a poverty mentality, greed, and selfishness, while pointing to biblical examples like David and Solomon who gave with right hearts and were blessed as a result. He encourages the church to pursue righteousness over riches, to practice intentional generosity, and to trust God as their provider. He closes with a call for every believer to fully surrender their heart and resources to God, believing that when we give freely and joyfully, God supplies all sufficiency in all things at all times so that we can continue to bless others.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with open hands and open hearts. We ask that as we gather together, You would quiet the noise of the world around us and speak clearly to each one of us. Holy Spirit, we invite You into this conversation. Help us to be honest with ourselves and with You about the condition of our hearts. Where there is fear, bring faith. Where there is selfishness, bring generosity. Where there is a poverty mindset, bring the truth of Your provision. May we leave today not just with more knowledge, but with hearts that are more fully surrendered to You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Ice Breaker

What is one of the most memorable gifts you have ever given or received, and why did it stand out to you?

Key Verses

- Matthew 12:33-35
- James 1:17

- 1 Chronicles 29:9
- Psalm 62:10
- 1 Timothy 6:6-10
- 1 Timothy 6:17-19
- 2 Corinthians 8:1-5
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Questions

- The pastor opened with Matthew 12:33-35, which says that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. In what ways do you think our words and spending habits reveal what is truly in our hearts?
- James 1:17 reminds us that every good and perfect gift comes from God. How does genuinely believing this change the way you think about the money and resources you have?
- David gave generously toward the temple even though he would never personally benefit from it. Can you think of a time when you gave to something that would not directly benefit you? What motivated you to do it?
- The pastor warned against a poverty mentality, which says 'I have to provide for myself because no one else will.' Have you ever struggled with this mindset? How did it affect your relationship with God and your generosity toward others?
- Psalm 62:10 says, 'If riches increase, do not set your heart on them.' What are some practical ways we can enjoy financial blessings without allowing them to take root in our hearts in an unhealthy way?
- In 2 Corinthians 8, the Macedonian church gave generously out of extreme poverty and affliction. What does their example teach us about the relationship between joy, faith, and generosity?
- The pastor said that giving is not a decision of the wallet but a decision of the heart. What do you think it looks like practically to make giving a heart decision rather than just a financial calculation?
- The pastor challenged the group to practice intentional generosity. What is one specific and intentional act of generosity you could commit to this week, whether with your money, time, or talents?

Life Application

This week, take a few quiet moments to review how you have been using your time, money, and energy over the past month. Ask God honestly whether your habits reflect a heart that trusts Him as your

provider. Then choose one intentional act of generosity, whether giving financially, serving someone in need, or investing your time in another person's life, and follow through on it before the week is over. As you do, pray and thank God for being Jehovah Jireh, your provider, and ask Him to continue shaping your heart toward His kind of generosity.

Key Takeaways

- What is in our hearts will always show up in how we live, speak, give, and treat others. Generosity begins with a heart that is fully surrendered to God.
- Everything we have is a gift from God. Recognizing this truth is the foundation for living a generous and open-handed life.
- A poverty mentality, greed, and the love of money are dangerous heart conditions that pull us away from faith and from God's best for our lives.
- God's desire is not just that we prosper personally, but that He provides enough for us to meet our own needs and overflow into the lives of others around us.
- Intentional generosity, even in the midst of difficulty, produces thanksgiving to God and connects us to His economy where He multiplies what we sow.

Ending Prayer

Lord, we thank You for this time together and for the truth of Your Word that challenges and encourages us. We acknowledge today that everything we have comes from You, and we choose to hold it all with open hands. Forgive us for the times we have gripped our resources tightly out of fear or selfishness. We declare today that You are Jehovah Jireh, our provider, and we do not have to live in a poverty mindset or in the grip of greed. Holy Spirit, continue to shape our hearts to look more like Yours. Make us people who give freely, love deeply, and trust You completely. May our generosity bring glory to Your name and point others toward the hope that is only found in Jesus. In His name we pray, amen.