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Generosity: A Key to a Better Life

Acts 20:35 *"It is more blessed (better) to give than to receive."*

Jesus said there is a way we live and there is a better way we ought to live.

1. We live with a scarcity mentality.

The better life is an abundance mentality.

Wealth can be created.

2. We live thinking winning matters.

The better life is thinking character matters.

1 Timothy 6:6 *But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

3. We live to be the receiver.

The better life is to be the giver.

There are matchers.

There are takers.

There are givers.

Who are the least likely to succeed?

Who are the most likely to succeed?

4. We live to be rich.

The better life is to be generous.

1 Timothy 6:17 *Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.*

The Power of Generosity

1. Generosity carries its own reward.

Proverbs 22:9 *A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.*

The person you help is better. You are better.
Your family and community are better.

2. Generosity carries God's reward.

Proverbs 19:17 *He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.*

3. Generosity has the power to bless our children.

Psalms 37:26 *They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.*

4. Generosity protects us from greed.

Luke 12:15 *Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."*

5. Generosity protects our families from "trouble."

Proverbs 15:27 *A greedy man brings trouble to his family, but he who hates bribes will live.*

Proverbs 10:22 *The blessing of the LORD brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it.*

6. Generosity inspires the matchers.

Luke 6:38 *Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

7. Generosity refreshes our souls.

Proverbs 11:25 *A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.*

8. Generosity is the paradoxical path to wealth.

Proverbs 11:24 *One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.*

9. Generosity is the key to understanding real wealth.

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