

Blessing
Blessing Follows Generosity
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The **Heart** of Generosity

“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” Proverbs 4:23

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

- Generosity **flows** from the heart

The **Power** of Generosity

“A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii^[e] and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ Luke 10:30-35

- **Time**
- **Talent**
- **Treasure**

The **Result** of Generosity

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written: They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. ¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!” 2 Corinthians 9:8-15

- Abundant **blessing** from God
- **Enlarged** life of righteousness
- Thanksgiving is **given** to God
- People will **praise** God
- People will **pray** for you

The **Promise** of Generosity

“Praise the Lord. Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands. ² Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. ³ Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. ⁴ Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous. ⁵ Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.” Psalm 112:1-5

“I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.” Psalm 37:25

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Scripture: *Proverbs 4:23; Luke 10:30-35; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Psalm 112:1-5; Psalm 37:25*