

Retro- Part Three Christ-like Generosity

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TEXT: Acts 4:32 – 5:12 NKJV

Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. ...

¹² And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.

1. My Generosity Seeds the Atmosphere For My Miracle

Why were Ananias and Sapphira taken out?

God places such a high value on giving He went to an extreme measure to protect what was happening in His Church.

2. My Generosity is My Love in Action

I can give without loving, but I cannot love without giving John 3:16

If I am not a generous person then I am not a loving person.

Love is all about giving.

Believe found 272x

Pray 371X

Love 714x

Give 2,152x because God is a giver.

3. My Generosity is My Only Cure For Materialism

Matthew 6:24 NKJV

You cannot serve God and mammon.

The BIG Question: What's more important God or money?

1Tim. 6:17 -19 NKJV

...that they may lay hold on *eternal* life.

You don't know what true living is until you break the grip of materialism in your life.

4. My Generosity Demonstrates The Reality of My Faith **2 Corinthians 9:13 Phillips**

Moreover, your very giving proves the reality of your faith

Philemon 1:6 NLT

And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith

Malachi 3:10 NKJV

¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you *such* blessing That *there will not be room enough to receive it.*

This is the only way you can prove God

5. My Generosity Reveals My Character and Positions Me For Promotion

God uses money to test what is really inside of you.

God uses money to test to see if He can trust you with more.

God uses money to test if He can trust you with the true riches.

Money is the least way God can bless you.

Luke 16:11,12 NKJV

¹¹ Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?

Your eternal rewards are determined by how well you steward the physical. The rhetorical answer to Jesus' question is nobody!