

“GENEROUS”

Part Five

“Thanksgiving: The Fruit of Generous”

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (NIV)

Verse 11: “You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”

INTRODUCTION:

Generous Requires:

1. **Trust: The Foundation**
2. **Tithes & Offerings: The First Steps**
3. **The Extra: The Flow of Generous**
4. **Thanksgiving: The Fruit of Generous**

*** Four Facts About Thanksgiving:**

1. Generosity causes thanksgiving to be offered to God.
(2 Corinthians 9:12)
2. Thanksgiving is a form of praise and worship.
(2 Corinthians 9:13)
3. Thanksgiving brings glory to God.
(2 Corinthians 4:15)
4. Thanksgiving is the fruit that comes from being generous.
(Hebrews 13:15-16, NAS)

*** Four Reasons To Give Thanks To God:**

1. Give Thanks For God’s Generosity To Me.
2. Give Thanks For My Generosity To God.
3. Give Thanks For My Generosity To Others.
4. Give Thanks For Others Generosity To Me.

Colossians 1:9-12

9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

2 Corinthians 9:8, 11 (NIV)

8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work... 11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.