

Make it Count
Impulsive Generosity – Pastor Dan Suarez
Matthew 6:19-24

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Introduction: We are wrapping up a three-week series called Make it Count. The intent of this series is to unpack the heart of generosity in the life of a believer. Today we are talking about Impulsive Generosity.

Main Idea: Impulsive Generosity Comes from a Deep Abiding Love for God

I. Impulsive Generosity the Wrong Way

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“For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.”
Galatians 1:10

Why do you give? Is it out of guilt? Is it out of fear? If it's not out of the love for God, giving him all the honor, then it's the wrong way!

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”
1 Corinthians 10:31

We must resist seeking the approval of man and any other selfish motive. When we give, we must do it out of the love of God, and when we do that, God is honored.

II. Impulsive Generosity the Right Way

“But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” **Matthew 6: 3-4**

“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.” **1 Timothy 6:18 NIV**

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” **Matthew 5:16**

This doesn't mean people won't notice your generosity or even applaud it, but the motive of our impulsive generosity must come from the Love of God.

Closing: The motive of our impulsive generosity must come out of a deep abiding love for God and nothing else.

“He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.” **Titus, 3:5a**

It is only through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ that we can be saved, and it is through the love of God that we are generous and sacrificial with our lives, because He has always been so generous to us!