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Part 3: Generosity Is a Matter of the Heart

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Generosity Flows from a Loving Heart

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Proverbs 14:31

³¹Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

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Do I have a loving heart toward those in need?

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“You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.”

-Amy Carmichael

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Generosity Flows from a Willing Heart

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2 Corinthians 8:10-15

¹⁰ And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. ¹¹ So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. ¹² For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.

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2 Corinthians 8:10-15

¹³ For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴ your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵ As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

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Generosity is measured in willingness not
wealthiness!

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Do I have a willing heart?

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"No one has ever become poor by giving."

— Anne Frank

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Generosity Flows from a Trusting Heart

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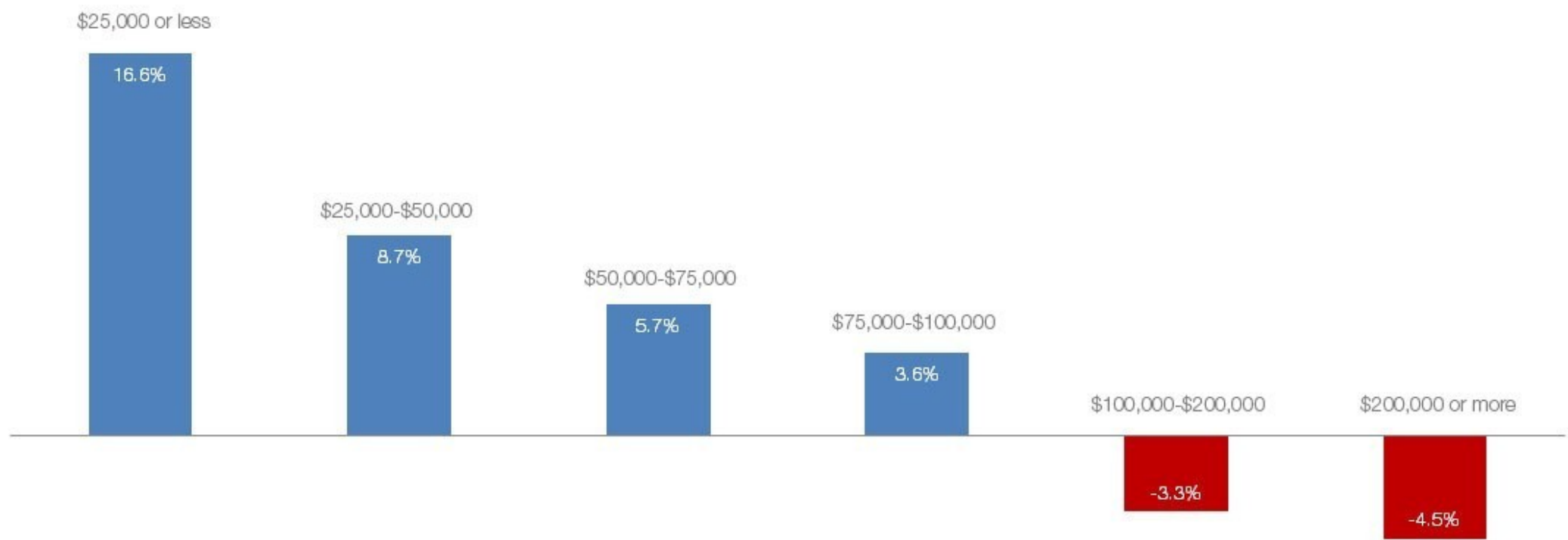
Luke 21:1-4

¹ Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ² and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³ And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

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Charitable giving by income: the big divide

Change in share of income given to charity in the US, 2006-2012



Source: *Chronicle* analysis of Internal Revenue Service data



Generosity is measured by the amount of trust displayed. We are all on a journey of learning to trust God. Regardless of income level, giving toward others that flows from trusting God, is generosity.

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