

THE BLESSING OF GENEROSITY

Sermon Series : The Time is Now

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Why Should I be Generous?

1. Because God Was Generous To You

Eph 2:1-7; 1 Chr 29:12-16; 2 Cor 8:9

Forgive is to For-Give

2. Because God Blesses Those Who Bless Others

Acts 20:35; Deut 15:10; Prov 11:24-26; 2 Cor 9:6-8; Prov 19:17

Blessed = Happy

3. Because for someone Eternity Hangs in the balance

Luke 16:9

Fail = Death

Friends = Eternal Friends

4. Because the exchange rate for your money is \$Dollars for Souls

5. Because Size of your Generosity = Size of your Homecoming Party

Matt 6:19-21; 13:44

6. Because it keeps you from sabotaging your life

1 Tim 6:9-10, 17

7. Because it stirs up miracles

2 Cor 8:2-5, 12

QUESTIONS

1. What is your belief with regards to “tithing”? (e.g. Are we required to give 10%? More? Less? Where are we supposed to give it? etc) Where does your belief come from?
2. What are your biggest obstacles to/fears about giving to your church? (Thinking more broadly, how do you think the “average people” would answer?)
3. Mike shared seven reasons to be generous. Which reason is most compelling to you? Sort the reasons into order of most compelling to least compelling. (Does this reveal anything interesting about you or your Group?)
4. What is one thing you can do this week to practice generosity?