

# Generous

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**Our Purpose:** To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ

*21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.*

—Matthew 15:21-28 (ESV)

## ***Jesus is Generous***

### **Jesus Delights in giving Freely and Lavishly**

#### **1. Jesus DELIGHTS in Giving**

*40 And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." 41 Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." 42 And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.*

—Mark 1:40-42 (ESV)

## 2. Jesus gives FREELY

***The joy of generosity is found in choosing imbalance.***

## 3. Jesus gives LAVISHLY

*When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now."*

—John 2:9-10 (ESV)

## 2 Main Generosity Killers: GREED and FEAR.

### 1. The Blessing is in the Giving Not the Having

*...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

—Acts 20:35b (ESV)

*15 And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness [the desire for ore things], for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."*

—Luke 12:15 (ESV)

### 2. God Will Supply All Your Needs

*...I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. 19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

—Philippians 4:18-19 (ESV)

*24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*

—Matthew 6:24 (ESV)

*28 Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.*

—Proverbs 11:28 (ESV)

*“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.*

—Jeremiah 17:7 (ESV)

*16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

—John 3:16 (ESV)