



# Generosity....Living With Open Hands



# My Tithe / Offering

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

Malachi 3:10 ESV

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### Old Testament Rules / New Testament Heart

"Do not think I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets;

I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."

- Jesus

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Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

# Invest in the Kingdom

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in heaven that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart also be.

Luke 12:32-34

# Hope in God....not money

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to **put their hope in God**, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

# Help those in need

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work

we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord

Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Acts 20:35

# Give Generously, Give Cheerfully

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

### The Baller and The Wee Little Man

### The Rich Ruler

Extremely rich

Law keeper

Wealthy by righteous means

Wanted to earn salvation

Left Jesus sad

Kept his wealth

### Zaccheus

Rich

Law breaker

Wealthy by unrighteous means

Desperate for grace

Received him joyfully

Gave away his wealth



# Generosity Follows Joy

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son....

John 3:16

# Warning: Don't miss God

"...sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and **come**, **follow me**." But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.

# The Heart Matters More Than The Amount

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...for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the fields are mine. If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.

Psalm 50:10-12

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

Luke 21:1-4



# Generosity to Believers

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no on said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.

Acts 4:32

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:16-18

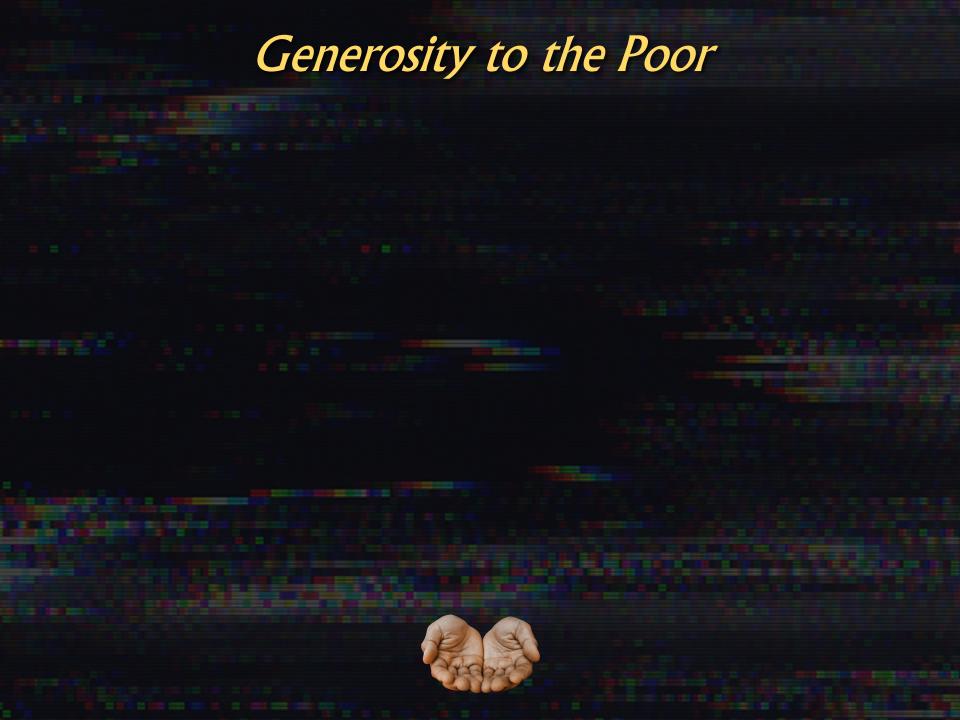


# Generosity in Hospitality

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16





# Generosity to the Poor

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Those who give to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses.

Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered.

Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.



# Generosity in Missions

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