

Generously Giving to Ministry

Financial Partnership in the Gospel #48 Philippians 4:14-17 part 1 Chris Mueller
Introduction

Luke 17:15 Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, 16 and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? 18 Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?"

Proverbs 11:25 The generous man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered.

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.

14 Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction. 15 You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; 16 for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs. 17 Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account

Giving thanks and giving generously is who Christ is and what Christians do

1-Giving generously to Christ is a _____ 14

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1st PLEASING - you have done WELL

2nd PARTNERING - you have done well TO SHARE

3rd PERSONAL - you have done well to share WITH ME

4th PRACTICAL - to share with me IN MY AFFLICTION

Matthew 6:21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also

2-Giving generously is purposeful _____ 15-16

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2 Corinthians 11:9 And when I was with you and was in need, I did not burden anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied my need

2 Corinthians 8:3-5 For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

1ST A commitment to GIVING gives you a wider ministry

2ND A commitment to GIVING points to Christ and makes you like Christ

3-Giving generously is an _____ investment 17

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Mark 10:29 Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life."

Matthew 10:42 "And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

Matthew 25:19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

Proverbs 11:24-25 There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more, and there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered.

2 Corinthians 9:6 he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully

Matthew 19:21 Go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.

Matthew 6:19-20 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven

We only _____ what we _____

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE CHANGE IN GENEROSITY

1. What is keeping genuine Christians from giving generously?
2. What steps do real believers need to take to overcome their lack of giving?
3. What does it mean to be GENEROUS GIVERS? What does that look like in everyday life?
4. What do you think generous giving looks like as Christians give to the church? What weekly amount is actually generous?
5. Why do unbelievers have such a hang up on Biblical sermons on giving?
6. How do you teach your children to be good stewards of their money and become generous givers?
7. Why will many hear God's Word on giving and make little or no changes long term?
8. In such a wealthy culture, what kind of habits must Christians practice to live above the strong pull of materialism?

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