



GENEROSITY

SCRIPTURAL TEACHINGS

How is it that we have become so consumed with buying more and more things that neither feed nor ultimately satisfy us? Read Isaiah 55:2

...in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others. Philippians 2:3-4

...he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25
Generosity is never one-sided.

Proverbs 22:9 says, "A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor."
The giver is blessed too. Give it a try.

A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25
Both refreshed and a refresher. What a blessing!

Where we choose to store our treasures makes all the difference in whether we will be viewed by God as a wise man or a fool. Read Luke 12

And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2

...the fruit of the spirit is...generosity... Galatians 5:22, NRSV

A dominate aspect of God's nature is that He is generous and this generosity flows out of His love.
Read John 3:16

Ananias & Sapphira made a gift and lied about the amount, so they could get credit for being generous without the sacrifice. Read Acts 5:1-11

How would you like to make today a really special day for you AND someone else? Read Acts 20:35



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Generosity is not just for those gifted to be generous,
it is the hardwiring of all of us as part of the image of God.

Is it possible for anyone to be a generous giver? I say no.
At best we can only be obedient couriers, since we own nothing to give.

If we teach people to LIVE generously, we wouldn't have to teach them to GIVE generously.

Jesus' definition of generosity is simple. It's not about the size of the gift,
but rather the amount you still have after the gift is given.

Why do we limit being generous to only those who we deem worthy.
Why not just be generous to everyone, all the time, like Jesus was?

Always hold firmly to the thought that each of us can do something to bring some portion of misery to an end.

He who dies with the most toys, still dies.

We were created to be GENEROUS. Selfishness smothers our generous nature.

The more begging poor we become spiritually and the richer and more generous we become materially,
the more useful we will become to our King.

Generosity is not the exclusive domain of those gifted to be generous—
it is part of the hardwiring of every one of us.

Your degree of generosity is not based upon how much you GIVE,
it is based upon how much you have LEFT OVER after you give.

Generosity is not about HOW MUCH you give, it is about WHO you are.

Does zealous describe your attitude about doing good for others? Think about it.

Generosity solely on my terms is no generosity at all.

Are you a generous giver or an obedient courier?

God has given the gift of generosity to a few so they can serve as lighthouses to show the rest of us the way.

Your degree of generosity is not measured by how much you give,
it is measured by how much you have left over after you give.

The more we hold on to, the less we can receive.
Only when we are willing to share will God bestow blessings on us.

“God helps those who help themselves” comes from Aesop, not God.
The Bible teaches that God “helps those who help others.”

Our ability to use our resources to bless others is fundamentally based
upon whether we think we have too much or too little.

QUOTES FROM OTHERS

If you are not generous with a meager income, you will never be generous with abundance.
Harold Nye

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Lord, teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not count the cost,
to fight and not heed the wounds.

Ignatius

There is but one way in which God should be loved, and that is to take no step except with Him and for Him,
and to follow with a generous self-abandonment every thing which He requires.

François Fénelon

Out of the freedom from worry that God's generosity provides comes an impulse toward
simplicity rather than accumulation.

John Piper

Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left.

Bishop Sheen

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost.

Ignatius of Loyola

When the poor are helped there ought to be these two conditions: generosity and joy.

John Chrysostom

Be submissive to good, unbending to evil, gentle in generosity, untiring in love, just in all things.

Columbanus

Generous people are rarely mentally ill.

Carl Meninger

Generosity is impossible apart from or love of God and His people.

But with such love, generosity not only is possible but inevitable.

John MacArthur

He who gives what he would as readily throw away, gives without generosity;
for the essence of generosity is in self-sacrifice.

Henry Taylor

Are you overly cautious or aggressively generous?

Boyd Bailey

Give generously, more than you are asked for. Don't separate rich and poor or worthy and unworthy,
let all be equal for a good deed.

Isaac of Nineveh

The generous hand comes from a generous heart.

Selwyn Hughes

Just because your church is generous does not necessarily mean it will grow.

However, a church cannot grow without being generous.

Brian Dodd

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Almost always the most indigent are the most generous.

Stanislas

The truly generous is truly wise, and he who loves not others, lives unblest.”

Bishop Home

The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good action by stealth, and to have it found out by accident.

Charles Lamb

What I spent is gone. What I kept I lost. But what I gave will be mine forever.

Tombstone Epitaph

God pours out blessings on those who let nothing stick to their hands.

MacDonald

When you are unattached to things, then you easily acquire virtue.

Abba Zosimas

Love is a spendthrift. It leaves arithmetic at home.

C. S. Lewis

The deeper the roots of humility are embedded in the heart, the higher rises the edifice of good deeds.

Anthony of Padua

The less I spent on myself and the more I gave to others, the fuller of happiness
and blessing did my soul become.

Hudson Taylor

Save for myself? I dare not save; it would dishonor my loving, gracious, all bountiful Father.

George Mueller

Because His resources are inexhaustible, He cannot be impoverished by sharing them with His children.

F. F. Bruce

There was a man, some called him mad; The more he gave, the more he had.

John Bunyan

When man is what he ought to be, others should be able to look at him and see something
of God in him, of his love, kindness, goodness.

Anthony Hoekema

He who bestows his goods upon the poor shall have as much again, and ten times more.

John Bunyan

Philanthropy is commendable, but it must not cause him to overlook the circumstances,
which make philanthropy necessary.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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