

# SERMON NOTES



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“Generosity triggers God to bless everything that you do.”

- Having more of God in your life comes from having a spirit of generosity.
- Giving more to God comes from having a mind-set of generosity which will help you fulfill God’s destiny for your life.
- When God has us He has our treasure, talents and time.

## **What Is Generosity?**

1. A quality of the heart and a mind-set.
  - Giving should come out of the heart.
  - Giving is a condition of the heart.
  - Giving reveals the condition of the heart.
2. Love in action.
3. Giving freely.
  - What we give will come back to us – a channel of giving.
4. Having a full spirit.
  - Giving when your spirit is full is giving out of overflow.
  - God wants you to give out of overflow.

## **I Corinthians 13:3 (KJV)**

<sup>3</sup> And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

## **4 Rewards of Generosity:**

1. Impact
  - Have a generous spirit to make an impact.
2. Influence
  - Greater influence comes through a spirit of generosity.
3. Legacy

#### 4. Profit

- Generosity brings advantages, increase and profit in your life.
- God will send to you what you give through God.

### **Benefits of Generosity:**

#### 1. Bless your work –

- God is the source of blessings but uses people as the channel.
- Have a spirit of giving and overflow.
- Give freely and spontaneously.
- Look for opportunities to give your time, talent and treasure.
- Generosity triggers God to bless everything that you do.

#### **Deuteronomy 15:10 (MSG)**

<sup>10-11</sup> Give freely and spontaneously. Don't have a stingy heart. The way you handle matters like this triggers GOD, your God's, blessing in everything you do, all your work and ventures. There are always going to be poor and needy people among you. So I command you: Always be generous, open purse and hands, give to your neighbors in trouble, your poor and hurting neighbors.

#### **Proverbs 11:24 (MSG)**

<sup>24</sup> The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.

#### 2. Expands your influence –

- Generosity brings more influence, impact and profit into your life.

#### **Psalms 112:9 (NLT)**

<sup>9</sup> They share freely and give generously to those in need. Their good deeds will be remembered forever. They will have influence and honor.

#### 3. Brings more happiness –

- There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.
- Live in more promises!
- Live on overflowing life!
- Look for needs to fill.

#### **Acts 20:35 (TEV)**

<sup>35</sup> I have shown you in all things that by working hard in this way we must help the weak, remembering the words that the Lord Jesus himself said, "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving."

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What is generosity?
2. What are the rewards of generosity?
3. How do the benefits of generosity grow your faith and impact your life?