

Giving Generously from your Means

Luke 8:1-4

Biblical generosity can be defined as the use of God-given resources for the accomplishment of God-given goals and purposes. It is a lifelong process of discovery and growth it builds spiritual maturity and character and implies that every spending decision is a spiritual decision.

I. Give generously to impact **eternity**.

Matthew 6:19-20 – ¹⁹“Don’t store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don’t break in and steal. (CSB)

1 Timothy 6:17-19 – ¹⁷Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be arrogant or to set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy. ¹⁸Instruct them to do what is good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share, ¹⁹storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of what is truly life. (CSB)

II. Give generously to impact **others**.

Romans 12:13 – When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. (NLT)

2 Corinthians 9:12-13 – ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³Because of the proof provided by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedient confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone. (CSB)

III. Give generously to impact **your personal growth**.

2 Corinthians 9:11 – You will be enriched in every way for all generosity, which produces thanksgiving to God through us. (CSB)

Matthew 6:21 – For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (CSB)

Proverbs 11:25 – A generous person will be enriched, and the one who gives a drink of water will receive water. (CSB)

2 Corinthians 8:2-3 – ²They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. ³For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. (NLT)

Thought For The Week:

What is the measure of your means?

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