



## TEACH ME TO PROSPER

Part Five: "Scandalous Generosity"

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*"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers." 3 John 1:2 (NKJV)*

Read John 12:1-8

### SOME SAY GENEROSITY IS A WASTE

Giving \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts and  
\_\_\_\_\_ our issues.

*"Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give!"  
Proverbs 21:26 (NLT)*

The true test of love is not what  
we \_\_\_\_\_, but what we \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Don't store up treasures on earth! Moths and rust can destroy them, and thieves can break in and steal them. Instead, store up your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy them, and thieves cannot break in and steal them. Your heart will always be where your treasure is."  
Matthew 6:19-20 (CEV)*

### GOD SAYS GENEROSITY IS A WONDER!

*"[Their gift was not] a mere cash payment. Instead they made a complete dedication of themselves first to the Lord..." 2 Corinthians 8:5 (JBP)*

*"Believe Me, this act of hers will be told in her honor as long as there are people who tell the good news." Mark 14:9 (TVT)*

- **Generosity is a key to God's** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give." Matthew 10:8 (NET)*

### Generosity (Cont'd)

*"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."  
John 3:16 (NLT)*

We are most like God when we are \_\_\_\_\_.

- **Generosity is a key to** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." Luke 6:38 (NLT)*

- **Generosity is a key to** \_\_\_\_\_.

*You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35 (NLT)*

Prosperity is not about \_\_\_\_\_.  
It's about \_\_\_\_\_.

FATHER GOD, Thank you for loving me and giving your Son so I can have eternal life. Lord Jesus, I know that on my own, I can never be happy. Today I give myself to you. I ask you to change me deep inside, and teach me to be generous so that I can prosper in all things. In Your Name, AMEN

### THIS WEEK IN SMALL GROUPS

**Icebreaker:** Which do you prefer: giving or getting gifts? Why?

**Scripture:** Let different members share a verse from this teaching that impacted them personally. What does it mean for them?

**Talk It Over:** Why do you think God directs us to give?

**Prayer:** Pray for a generous spirit to fill our relationships and our church.

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### Resurrection Sunday Services

April 20th at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m.

Pray, join us and bring someone!