



## **MORE THAN ENOUGH**

### **Part One: The Generous Life**

*I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. 3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together. 4 I sought the LORD, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears. 5 They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces were not ashamed. 6 This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles. 7 The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them. 8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! 9 Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing. **PSALM 34:1-10 NKJV***

#### **GOD WANTS TO BE GENEROUS TO YOU**

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*Why does God want to be so generous to us?*

*WHEREVER YOU ARE IN LIFE, GOD WANTS YOU TO BE  
\_\_\_\_\_!*

#### **GOD WANTS US TO LIVE THE GENEROUS LIFE**

*So often when we think about generosity we think about money. And that is one way for us to be generous, but sometimes giving a few bucks is the easiest thing in the world. And God isn't looking for our resources for the sake of our resources- He's looking for our HEARTS. So to live the generous life He's really looking for three things: Our time, talents, and treasure.*

• **GENEROUS WITH OUR** \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

*“38 Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back - given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity.”* **LUKE 6:38 MSG**

**BOUNDARIES WITHOUT BUILDING LEADS TO** \_\_\_\_\_!

*“6 Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. 7 You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. 'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.' 8 And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 9 As the Scriptures say, “They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.” 10 For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat.”*

**2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-10 NLT**

**WE WANT TO RECEIVE MORE THAN ENOUGH BUT ARE WE**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **MORE THAN ENOUGH?**

- We have got to live generously towards God and towards people with our money!

## **GATHER, GROW and GO with us!**

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## **LIFE GROUP REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

In this week's sermon, we talked on the subject of living generously; not only does God want to be generous to us, but He wants us to live generously towards Him and others. Specifically, He calls us to be generous with our time, talent, and treasure.

### **QUICK REVIEW**

Looking back on your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

### **MY STORY**

1. Who do you know that would be considered a generous person?
2. What is their character, life and demeanor?
3. How does a person who is selfish and self-centered behave?

### **DIGGING DEEPER**

**Key Verse:** *But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.* (Luke 6:35)

One of the characteristics of those who are the sons and daughters of the Lord is their generosity. Proof of our relationship with the Lord is our giving and living like He did.

## **6 CHARACTERISTICS OF UNCONDITIONAL GIVING**

1. **Love** – The Bible says God so loved that He gave (John 3:16). Love gives. God's loves in us motivates us to give and help others.
  - Is it possible to give for selfish reasons? What's the difference between giving out of love and giving out of obligation?
2. **Do good** – A generous heart does good. The story of the Good Samaritan is a great example of doing good (Luke 10:25ff).
  - What are some other examples how you can do good to others?
  - What are some challenges we face when desiring to do good?
3. **Lend** – Jesus said, *“Give to those who ask, and don't turn away from those who want to borrow.* (Matthew 5:42 NLT)
  - Why are some reluctant to lend their belongings to others ?

- Can you think of times when you shouldn't lend?
4. **Hoping for nothing in return** - Jesus said "*freely you have received, freely give*" (Matthew 10:8). Jesus gave freely of Himself and so should we. This is unconditional giving.
    - Why is it a challenge to give without receiving in return?
  5. **Your reward will be great** – God promises to reward those who give freely and with a true heart. The Bible has many promises for givers.
    - Do you believe God will reward you for being generous?
    - Can you share some examples of how God has rewarded you?
    - Here are 7 additional verses to look up: Matthew 6:3-4, Proverbs 19:17, 22:9, 28:27, Luke 6:38, Psalm 41:1-3, 112:5-7
  6. **You will be sons and daughters of the Most High**  
 Jesus said, "*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another*". (John 13:35).
    - Proof that we are members of God's family is love. If God lives in you then your heart will be motivated by love to give. How can you demonstrate His love to people this coming week?

## MOVING FORWARD

1. Think about the coming weeks and holiday season and ask yourself "who can I love, do good and lend to?" Pray for God's grace to encourage you in a new way to use your time, talent's and treasure to be a blessing to those you come in contact with.
2. **Prayer of Three** – As we come into the holiday season pray for the opportunity to invite your family and friends to church. Prayer is the key to unlock a person's heart. Write down the name of three people who don't know Christ and pray for an open door to be generous to them.