

LIVING GENEROUSLY

Building a Great Life-Part 8

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”
Luke 6:38

SEVEN BENEFITS IN BECOMING A GENEROUS PERSON

1. Giving _____ me more like my God.

“God so loved the world that he gave...”

John 3:16

“...I(John) write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense, Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”

1 John 2:1-2

2. Giving _____ me closer to God.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Luke 12:34

3. Giving gives me _____ over materialism.

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to put your hope in wealth... but to put your hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to be generous and willing to share. In this way they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”

1 Timothy 6:17-19

“...the purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.”

Deuteronomy 14:23 (Living Bible)

4. Giving _____ my faith.

“‘Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,’ says the LORD Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.’”

Malachi 3:10

“...trust the Lord completely; don’t ever trust yourself... Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income and he will fill your barns to overflowing...”

Proverbs 3:5,9 (Living Bible)

5. Giving is an _____ for eternity.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

Matthew 6:19-20

“...give happily to those in need, always be ready to share whatever God has given you. By doing this you will be storing up real treasure for yourselves in heaven. It is the only safe investment for eternity!”

1 Timothy 6:18 (Living Bible)

6. Giving _____ me in return.

“A generous man will himself be blessed...”

Proverbs 22: 9

“Good will come to him who is generous...and a righteous man will be remembered Forever.”

Psalms 112:5-6

7. Giving _____ me happy.

“...remember the words that the Lord Jesus himself said, ‘There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.’”

Acts 20:35

“The people rejoiced ...for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord and David the king also rejoiced greatly.”

1 Chronicles 29:9

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF GIVING

• Give _____.

“...now who is willing to consecrate himself to the Lord. I know my God that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity and all these things I’ve given willingly and with honest intent... I’ve seen with joy how your people here have given to you.”

1 Chronicles 29:5,17

“For if the willingness is there, you’re gift is acceptable according to what you have, not according to what you don’t have. Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

II Corinthians 9:7

• Give _____.

“With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple. Now who else is willing to give a generous offering to the Lord.”

1 Chronicles 29:2-3,5 (Good News)

“They gave as much as they were able and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in the service of the saints.”

II Corinthians 8:3-4

• Give _____.

“...for God loves a cheerful giver.”

II Corinthians 9:7

• Give _____.

“Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand...”

II Chronicles 29:13-14

“How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?”

Psalms 116:12

• Give _____.

“Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. And whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”

II Corinthians 9:6

“They first gave themselves to the Lord...”

II Corinthians 8:5