



Generous: The Beauty In Giving
Generosity Is Never Reluctant
2 Corinthians 9:7a
There is no possibility of God holding back

This Series—Jesus talked about money more than any other subject, except the kingdom of God. Why?

Jesus knew that if his followers couldn't learn to live generously, materialism and greed would gain a foothold in their faith.

When Generosity isn't Generous....

When it's more about the giver—it is selfish.

When reciprocation is expected—it is manipulative.

When it's controlled—it's about power.

Acts of Ungenerous Generosity

Come from a place of lack/scarcity.

Often mask fears and insecurities.

Video—I Like Wedding Ring (surrender and joy)

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- A little more insight into Paul's dilemma.*
- Sometimes the text shows us what not to do—even as it speaks truth.*
- Paul exhorts them to give “without a grudging heart.”*
- And to not give under compulsion—patron culture, imbalance, manipulation.*

Living generously means that we avoid ungenerous generosity through the kind of open-handed surrender that gives with joy, and asks nothing in return.

Marks of a Truly Generous Person

- They know the pie is not finite—there's always enough pie.*
- They trust others—surrender their outcomes.*
- They dream big dreams.*
- They don't live a ledger-oriented life.*
- They believe God is generous and loving.*

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SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

Radical Generosity: Unlock the Transformative Power of Giving

M.J. Ryan

Rambam's Ladder: A Meditation on Generosity and Why It Is Necessary to Give

Julie Salamon

Fields of God

Andy Stanley

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