



Generous: The Beauty In Giving
Scarcity & Abundance
2 Corinthians 9:6-8
Living In Lack Is Not Truly Living

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.

Living Generously can change your life—and maybe even the world

Generosity leads to less isolation, less self-criticism, less self-centeredness, more confidence, and a sense of purpose.

Generous people live longer and happier lives.

And we all love a good generosity story....

I Like Teachers—a parable of paying it forward.

What does it take to live this way all of the time?

Choosing Abundance over Scarcity

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2 Corinthians 9:6

- The background to Paul's conversations about generosity.*
- Despite the agenda—there was straight up truth in what he taught.*
- Completely in line with the teachings of Jesus—and from the same place, too.*
- “Sow sparingly” (pheidomenos) Holding back to have enough... tightfisted.*
- “Sow generously” (eulogiais) Hearts desire to bless others... open handed.*
- There's a sense of community here—do you share, or do you withhold?*

When you live openhanded, you are free then to give (and receive) in ways you can't with a tightly closed fist.

Living in Scarcity

- Jesus words to the Rich Young Ruler—a challenge to live in abundance.*
- What areas of our lives are we living in Scarcity?*

Living In Abundance

- Mary anointing Jesus' feet—pouring out her future.*
- How willing are we to trust our future to God*

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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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