

CENTERED

A FAITH LIVED OUT

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A God-Centered Life is a Life of Generosity. **Generosity = love in action**

THE SEVEN BLESSINGS OF LIVING A LIFE OF GENEROSITY...

1. A GENEROUS LIFE HONORS GOD.

"You will be glorifying God through your generous gifts. Your generosity will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ."

2 Corinthians 9:13 (NLT)

2. A GENEROUS LIFE DRAW ME CLOSE TO GOD.

*...The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives. **Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB)***

*Your heart will be wherever your treasure is. **Matthew 6:21 (NCV)***

3. A GENEROUS LIFE BREAKS SELFISHNESS AND MATERIALISM.

*"...You cannot serve both God and money." **Matthew 6:24 (NIV)***

*Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good... By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so **that they may experience true life.** **1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)***

4. A GENEROUS LIFE DEMONSTRATES THAT I TRUST GOD.

...Your giving proves the reality of your faith... 2 Cor. 9:13 (Phillips)

“Bring your whole tithe to My storehouse...Test me in this and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you won’t have room enough for it!” Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

5. A GENEROUS LIFE BRINGS PEOPLE TO GOD.

As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. 2 Corinthians 9:13 (NLT)

6. A GENEROUS LIFE BRINGS GOD’S BLESSING TO MY LIFE.

“Generous people will be blessed...” Proverb 22:9 (NCV)

“For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.” And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 2 Cor. 9:7-8 (NLT)

7. A GENEROUS LIFE IS A JOYFUL LIFE.

Jesus said...*“There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.”*
Acts 20:35 (GNT)

Going deeper on your own. With your Bible, pen, and paper in hand, pray and ask God to speak to you as you read His Word. Look up 2 Corinthians 9 and slowly read it out loud, jotting down notes of key verses that speak to you. Now answer the following questions: What crops have we sown into? Who will be blessed by them? Why do you think God had this passage placed in the Bible? Now read the chapter again as if it were written to you. Why do you think it is so hard to be generous? Pray and ask the Lord how He would like you to respond to what you have learned, then “do it.”