

FAITH THAT WORKS

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James 2:14-17 & 5:1-6

A FAITH THAT WORKS is a faith that LOVES and is demonstrated by GENEROSITY.

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son... John 3:16 (NIV)

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. 1 John 3:16 (NLT)

Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. James 2:14-17 (NLT)

A FAITH THAT WORKS IS GENEROUS.

3 indicators I may be struggling with generosity...

1. If I am always more concerned about what I have, rather than who I could help.

Look here, you rich people: Weep and groan with anguish because of all the terrible troubles ahead of you. Your wealth is rotting away, and your fine clothes are moth-eaten rags. Your gold and silver are corroded. The very wealth you were counting on will eat away your flesh like fire. This corroded treasure you have hoarded will testify against you on the day of judgment. James 5:2-3 (NLT)

2. If I am always looking to maneuver others.

For listen! Hear the cries of the field workers whom you have cheated of their pay. James 5:4 (NLT)

3. If I am more concerned about my comfort than the distress of those in need.

You have spent your years on earth in luxury (easy, cushy), satisfying your every desire. You have fattened yourselves for the day of slaughter. James 5:5 (NLT)

HOW TO BUILD A LIFE OF GENEROSITY...

Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first-fruits of all your increase... Proverbs 3:9 (NKJV)

1. Prioritize my generosity. Matthew 6:30-34 (NLT)
2. Position myself to be generous...10-10-80 Acts 2:44-45 (NLT)
3. Practice generosity regularly. (Start practicing it now)

How to start practicing it... (jump on the generosity ladder)

Step 1: Choose to start giving something... to Him.

Step 2: I should step up to be a regular giver.

Step 3: Start giving God what is fully His. Malachi 3:10 (NLT)

Step 4: Give extravagantly. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NLT)

The Bible is clear. Jesus said ... *"I assure you... everyone who has given up...for my sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life. Matthew 19:29 (NLT)*

Going deeper on your own. Jesus spoke more about money than heaven or hell. Why do you think that is? Read the following article: <https://www.crosswalk.com/family/finances/debt/what-did-jesus-actually-have-to-say-about-money.html>. Read Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:6, and Matthew 6:19-21. Pastor Jay spoke about the generosity ladder. Where are you and what is the next step God is leading you to take? Pray in obedience, jump on, and climb to new heights with Him. Write to Pastor Jay at Jay@CenterPointChurch.com and tell him what God is leading you to do.