

CHRISTMAS IS... GENEROSITY!

Christmas is... Part 2

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"We are saved because the Master Jesus amazingly and out of sheer generosity moved to save us..." Acts 15:11 (Mes)

"We all live off God's generous bounty, gift after gift after gift."
John 1:16 (Mes)

WHY IS IT ESSENTIAL TO LEARN GENEROSITY?

1. "The godly are generous givers." Psalm 37:21 (NLT)

"Everything we have has come from you Lord, and we can only give you what is yours already!" 1 Chron. 29:14 (LB)

"You will be glorifying God through your generous gifts. For your generosity to them will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ." 2 Cor. 9:13 (NLT)
2. "It's selfish and stupid to think only of yourself." Prov. 18:1 (CEV)

"The greedy set an ambush for themselves; they booby-trap their own lives! It is the fate of all who are greedy. It ends up robbing them of life." Prov. 1:18-19 (NLT)
3. "Your generosity... not only provides for the needs of God's people, but also produces prayers of thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor. 9:11-12 (GW)

"Your heart will be wherever your treasure is." Mt. 6:21 (NCV)
4. "Your giving proves the reality of your faith..." 2 Cor. 9:13 (Ph)

"Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." 2 Cor. 9:6 (NIV)
5. "Give generously to others and do so without a grudging heart; THEN BECAUSE OF THIS the Lord will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to." Deut. 15:10 (NIV)

"Good will come to those who are generous..." Ps. 112:5

"It is possible to give freely and become more wealthy, but those who are stingy will lose everything." Prov. 11:24 (NLT)

"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." Prov. 11:25 (NIV)

6. "Use your worldly resources to benefit others... In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven."
Luke 16:9 (NLT)

"Tell them to use their money to do good...always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven--the only safe investment for eternity! And they'll live a fruitful Christian life down here as well." 1 Tim. 6:18-19 (LB)

HOW TO DEVELOP A GENEROUS HEART

REALIZE IT'S NOT ABOUT

"If you're really eager to give, it isn't important how much you are able to give." 2 Cor. 8:12 (NLT)

"You must make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the 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)

Authentic Generosity is ...

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"God will give you many opportunities to do good, and he will produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Then you will be enriched so that you can give even more generously." 2 Cor. 9:10-11 (NLT)

"REMEMBER the generosity of Jesus Christ, the Lord of us all. He was rich beyond our telling, yet he became poor for your sake so that his poverty might make you rich." 2 Cor. 8:9 (Ph)