

# GENEROUS

## #1 The Heart of the Matter

**Exodus 35:4** Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "This is the thing that the LORD has commanded. <sup>5</sup>Take from among you a contribution to the LORD. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the LORD's contribution: gold, silver, and bronze..."

**Leviticus 23:22** "And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God."

**Psalms 37:21** The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives.

**Proverbs 11:25** A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

**Matthew 10:8** ...Freely you have received, freely give.

**Acts 4:32** All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had ... <sup>34</sup>There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup>and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

**Acts 20:35** ...remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

**2 Corinthians 8:7** But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

**2 Corinthians 9:7** Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**Galatians 6:10** Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

**1 Timothy 6:17** As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.

### MOTIVATIONS...

Fear	Vision	Gratefulness
Guilt	Joy	Love
Obedience	Stewardship	Future Reward
Increased Faith	Covenant	
Altruism	Present Return	

## OVERVIEW: GENEROSITY IN THE BIBLE

### GIVING FROM ADAM TO MOSES

- 1) Voluntary Giving
  - a. Cain and Abel (Gen. 4:3-4)
  - b. Noah (Gen. 8)
  - c. Abram (Gen. 12, 13)
  - d. Abram (Gen. 14)
  - e. Jacob (Gen. 28)
- 2) Required Giving – mentioned only once

### GIVING FROM MOSES TO CHRIST

- 1) Required Giving
  - a. The Levite Tithe (Lev. 27:30; Num. 18:8-13)
  - b. The Festival Tithe (Deut. 12:10-11, 17-18)
  - c. The Poor Tithe (Deut. 14:28-29)
  - d. Debtor's Release (Deut. 15:1-9)
  - e. Gleanings for the Needy (Lev. 19:9-10)
  - f. Ground Rest (Ex. 23:10-11)
- 2) Voluntary Giving
  - a. Firstfruits Giving (Num. 18:12-13; Deut. 18:4; Prov. 3:9-10)
  - b. Freewill Offerings (Ex. 25:1-2; 35:4-10; Deut. 16:10-17)

### GIVING FROM JESUS TO THE PRESENT

- 1) Required Giving - paying taxes (Matt. 17:24-27; 22:15-22; 23:23; Rom. 13:1-7)
- 2) Voluntary Giving (Acts 4:32-35; 2 Cor. 8-9; Gal. 6:6) – "Grace Giving"

### LEGALISM IS OUT! GRACE IS IN!

"How much am I supposed to give in order to be a good Christian?"  
OR  
"How much does my heart WANT to give in response to all that I have received from His hand?"

### BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Lamentations 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Galatians 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Habakkuk 1     | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Galatians 2   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Habakkuk 2    | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: Galatians 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Habakkuk 3  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Galatians 4   |

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