

## DEVELOPING A HEART FOR GOD "A GENEROUS HEART"

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"One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty." Proverbs 11:24 (NIV)

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller." Proverbs 11:24 (Message)

### WHAT DOES A GENEROUS HEART LOOK LIKE?

1. A GENEROUS HEART FOCUSES ON THE NEEDS OF OTHER PEOPLE. 1 Samuel 30:9-23
2. A GENEROUS HEART EXPERIENCES INCREDIBLE JOY IN GIVING. 1 Chronicles 29:1-8,14-17

### TWO INSIGHTS...

- DAVID'S PERSPECTIVE
- THEY GAVE WILLINGLY

### THE RESULTS OF A GENEROUS HEART

1. IT INCREASES MY LOVE FOR JESUS  
"Just as you excel in everything else--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in the grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others." 2 Corinthians 8:7-8 (NIV)

"Your heart will be where your treasure is." Matthew 6:21 (NCV)

### 2. IT MAKES ME MORE LIKE JESUS

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIV)

### 3. IT DEEPENS MY FAITH

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously... for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NIV)

"God supplies seed to the farmer, then bread to eat. In the same way, God will give you seed and multiply it. In your lives he will increase the things you do that have his approval. You will be enriched so that you can be even more generous." 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NLT/GW)

### 4. IT CAUSES OTHERS TO THANK GOD

"...your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. For this service you perform not only meets the needs of God's people, but also produces an outpouring of gratitude to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11b-12 (NIV/GW)

### 5. IT HONORS GOD AS A WITNESS TO THE WORLD

"You will glorify God through this genuine act of service because of your commitment to spread the Good News of Christ and because of your generosity..." 2 Corinthians 9:13 (GW)

## **TIME WITH GOD**

**The Bible was written to us, the Psalms were written for us. They are the prayers and songs of the Bible. As you read through the Psalms, make these prayers your prayers. Paraphrase verses to become your prayers to the Lord. Write out your own Psalms to the Lord. How powerful it is to pray back God's Word to Him. Blessings on your daily time with the Lord.**

Monday – Read Psalm 110-112

Tuesday – Read Psalm 113-115

Wednesday – Read Psalm 116-118

Thursday – Read Psalm 119-121

Friday – Read Psalm 122-24

Saturday – Read Psalm 125-17