

WHY BE GENEROUS?

1. IT CREATES COMMUNITY

"The community of believers... shared everything in common."
Acts 4:32 (NAB)

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

"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)**

2. IT STRENGTHENS MY FAITH

"Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." **2 Cor. 9:6 (NIV)**

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows." **Mal.3:10 (NIV)**

3. IT DEFEATS MATERIALISM

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

4. IT'S AN INVESTMENT IN ETERNITY

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

*"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life." **1 Tim. 6:18-19 (AMP)***