

GENEROSITY

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There Is More Joy in Giving than Receiving

Matthew 6:19-24

NOTES:

FOCUS VERSE: Matthew 6:19-24

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1. Jesus Redefines the _____ (Matt. 6:19-21)

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Acts 20:35 *In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

See Also: 1 Tim. 6:9-10, Prov. 11:28

2. Your _____ Shapes Your _____ to Money (Matt. 6:22-24)

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See Also: Luke 12:15, Matt. 6:33, Hebrews 13:5

3. Generosity _____ Into the Image of God

The Father Gave The Son:

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

The Son Gave His Life:

Mark 10:45 *For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

The Spirit is Given Freely:

Luke 11:13 *If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*

See Also: Eph. 5:1-2, 2 Cor. 9:6-8, Phil. 2:5-7

Application/Reflection Questions

1. Jesus doesn't challenge the pursuit of the "Good Life", but he radically redefines it (Matt. 6:19-21). Spend some time in prayer and take inventory of your mind and heart this week. With your time and actions, how have you been defining the "good life" lately?
2. Jesus reminds us that our mindset shapes our relationship with money (Matt. 6:22-24). Would you say that you have an "abundance mindset" or a "scarcity mindset"? Pray for the Holy Spirit to help build your trust in God's provision.
3. Generosity is a spiritual discipline that forms us into the image of God! Practice this disciple this week through a spontaneous act of giving or by pushing the boundaries of what generosity currently looks like in your life.

SONGS

GOD SO LOVED

SAME GOD

NONE BUT JESUS

BE THOU MY VISION (O GOD)

BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$34,793.78

2025 Year to Date Giving: \$795,955.70

2025 Giving vs Need: \$151,564.30 Below Need

Altamont Expansion Fund: \$226,224.04

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