"BEING GENEROUS"





"Not taking revenge on an enemy when you have the opportunity to do so is a test of humility. Having compassion on the enemy when he has fallen into adversity, and giving him the help he asks for, is the greatest sign of benevolence and GENEROSITY."

1. WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF GENEROSITY?

2. WHAT MAKES A PERSON GENEROUS?

3. WHAT MAKES A PERSON NOT GENEROUS?Proverbs 11:24

4. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GENEROUS AND NOT GENEROUS.

Proverbs 21:26 All day long he craves and craves, but the righteous gives and does not hold back.

Proverbs 11:25

NKJV

²⁵ The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.

NLT ²⁵ The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

ESV

²⁵ Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

Proverbs 11:26 NLT People curse those who hoard their grain, but they bless the one who sells in time of need.

5. GENEROSITY IS MUCH MORE THAN GIVING MONEY.

You can be GENEROUS when you LOVE. You can be GENEROUS when you TEACH. You can be GENEROUS when you LISTEN. You can be GENEROUS when you SERVE. You can be GENEROUS when you HELP. You can be GENEROUS when you COMFORT. You can be GENEROUS when you GIFT. You can be GENEROUS when you FORGIVE. You can be GENEROUS when you give your OFFERING. You can be GENEROUS when you CONSIDER someone. You can be GENEROUS when you ENCOURAGE and **GIVE AFFECTION.**

6. GOD IS GENEROUS.

John 3:16 ESV

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."

Love.
Give.

7. JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT GENEROSITY

1. Give to whoever asks. Luke 6:30-36 NIV

30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you. 32"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full.

Luke 6:30-36 NIV

35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

2. The Good Samaritan Luke 10:30-42

- **30** Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.
- **31** "By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by.
- **32** A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.
- **33** "Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him.
- **34** Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.

2. The Good Samaritan Luke 10:30-42

35 The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.' 36. "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbour to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. 37. The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

8. FOUR CHARACTERISTICS OF A GENEROUS PERSON

The generous knows how to receive and how to give. 2 Chronicles 9:9, 12

2. The generous gives to the Lord when they give to the needy. Proverbs 19:17





3. The generous is generous with himself first, to then be generous with others.

4. The generous gives, not because he has excess, but he gives because he loves. - Luke 21:1-4

IT'S TIME TO BE GENEROUS!