

Stepping Into...

Generous Living

What does it mean to be generous?

- Showing a readiness to give more of something, especially money, than is strictly necessary or expected
- (of a thing) larger or more plentiful than is usual or necessary.

Luke 6:37–38 (NLT)

³⁷ “Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”

Proverbs 11:25 (NLT)

“The generous prosper and are satisfied;
those who refresh others will themselves be
refreshed.”

Proverbs 11:25 (KJV)

”The liberal soul shall be made fat: And he
that watereth shall be watered also himself.”

From the OT

a liberal soul = a person who is willing to respect or accept behaviour or opinions different from one's own; open to new ideas

to be made fat = daw shane = to fatten = to anoint

watereth = satiates the thirst of another shall himself be satiated

Proverbs 22:9 (NLT)

⁹ Blessed are those who are generous,
because they feed the poor.

Numbers 6:22–27 (NIV)

²² The LORD said to Moses, ²³ “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

²⁴ “The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

²⁷ “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

May the Lord bless you...

**May YaHWeH, your heavenly father
(He who exists) kneel before you,
making himself available to you (like
a good father kneeling before his
child) in order to minister and bestow
His gifts and promises**

John 13:12–17 (NLT)

¹² After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, “Do you understand what I was doing?” ¹³ You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and you are right, because that’s what I am. ¹⁴ And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.

2 Corinthians 9:6–9 (NLT)

⁶ Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. ⁷ You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." ⁸ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. ⁹ As the Scriptures say,

"They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever."

1 Timothy 6:17–19 (NLT)

¹⁷ Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

Luke 12:15 (NLT)

¹⁵ Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

Exodus 25:1–9 (NLT)

¹ The LORD said to Moses, ² “Tell the people of Israel to bring me their sacred offerings. Accept the contributions from all whose hearts are moved to offer them. ³ Here is a list of sacred offerings you may accept from them: gold, silver, and bronze; ⁴ blue, purple, and scarlet thread; fine linen and goat hair for cloth; ⁵ tanned ram skins and fine goatskin leather; acacia wood; ⁶ olive oil for the lamps; spices for the anointing oil and the fragrant incense; ⁷ onyx stones, and other gemstones to be set in the ephod and the priest’s chestpiece. ⁸ “Have the people of Israel build me a holy sanctuary so I can live among them. ⁹ You must build this Tabernacle and its furnishings exactly according to the pattern I will show you.

Exodus 35:21–24 (NLT)

²¹ All whose hearts were stirred and whose spirits were moved came and brought their sacred offerings to the LORD. They brought all the materials needed for the Tabernacle, for the performance of its rituals, and for the sacred garments. ²² Both men and women came, all whose hearts were willing. They brought to the LORD their offerings of gold—brooches, earrings, rings from their fingers, and necklaces. They presented gold objects of every kind as a special offering to the LORD. ²³ All those who owned the following items willingly brought them: blue, purple, and scarlet thread; fine linen and goat hair for cloth; and tanned ram skins and fine goatskin leather. ²⁴ And all who had silver and bronze objects gave them as a sacred offering to the LORD. And those who had acacia wood brought it for use in the project.

Exodus 12:35–36 (NLT)

³⁵ And the people of Israel did as Moses had instructed; they asked the Egyptians for clothing and articles of silver and gold. ³⁶ The LORD caused the Egyptians to look favorably on the Israelites, and they gave the Israelites whatever they asked for. So they stripped the Egyptians of their wealth!

Exodus 36:4–7 (NLT)

⁴ Finally the craftsmen who were working on the sanctuary left their work. ⁵ They went to Moses and reported, “The people have given more than enough materials to complete the job the LORD has commanded us to do!”⁶ So Moses gave the command, and this message was sent throughout the camp: “Men and women, don’t prepare any more gifts for the sanctuary. We have enough!” So the people stopped bringing their sacred offerings. ⁷ Their contributions were more than enough to complete the whole project.

Exodus 39:42–43 (NLT)

⁴² So the people of Israel followed all of the LORD's instructions to Moses. ⁴³ Then Moses inspected all their work. When he found it had been done just as the LORD had commanded him, he blessed them.

Isaiah 32:8 (NLT)

⁸ But generous people plan to do what is generous and they stand firm in their generosity.

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