

Sunday Morning | December 3, 2017



## CHRISTMAS IS GENEROSITY

**ACTS 15:11 (MSG)** "...we are saved because the Master Jesus amazingly and *out of sheer generosity* moved to save us..."

**INSIGHT:** Generosity is a skill that can be learned no matter the culture.

### I. GENEROSITY IS A PRIMARY THEME OF SCRIPTURE (1 Chronicles 29:14; 2 Corinthians 9:13 NLT).

**TRUTH:** One of the proofs of being a Christian is generosity.

### II. GENEROSITY REMEDIES SELFISHNESS.

**CONSIDERATION:** Think about your time spent looking through a catalog weekly (Proverbs 18:1 CEV).

**TRANSLATION OF PROVERBS 1:18:** Greed makes us miserable; generosity is the cure.

**TRUTH:** Generosity is the only antidote for materialism.

### III. GENEROSITY IS A WELCOME MAT FOR GOD.

**INSIGHT:** In God's universe, it is set that generosity creates a bond (Matthew 6:21 NCV).

**TRUTH:** Our hearts are drawn toward the direction of our giving.

**INSIGHT:** Every time we give to God, it draws our heart closer to Him.

**TRUTH:** Being a member means you participate, you don't watch from the sidelines.

### IV. GENEROSITY INCREASES MY FAITH (2 Corinthians 9:13).

The Law of the Harvest, 2 Corinthians 9:6, "Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

**LAW #1:** You reap what you sow.

**LAW #2:** We reap more than we sow.

**REMEMBER:** Giving primes the pump of receiving.

**INVITATION:**

1. The Vision of our Church, Deuteronomy 15:10, Proverbs 11:26
2. On your Connection Card:
  - a) I want to be in the next LIFE 101 Membership Class. (Clearly print your name and best contact.)
  - b) I commit to be a giver to "The Hill" of my time, talent and treasure.