

Sunday Morning | December 20, 2015



CHRISTMAS IS CHARITY

JOHN 1:16 (Amp)

TRUTH: Christmas is about generosity to needs.

TRUTH: Every good thing in your life including your life itself is from God as a gift to you.

INSIGHT: There are two types of people in this world: givers and takers.

TRUTH: The more of a taker you are the more miserable your life will be.

What good comes from charitable generosity?

I. WE REFLECT GOD IN GENEROSITY (Psalm 37:21).

INSIGHT: You cannot be godly and lack in generosity.

TRUTH: Generosity is a proof of salvation, that you're in God's family... that you know Him.

II. GENEROSITY CURES SELFISHNESS.

TRUTH: There is only one cure for selfishness and that is generosity (Proverbs 1:18-19).

TRUTH: You can get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life.

III. GENEROSITY INCREASES FAITH (2 Corinthians 9:13).

TRUTH: You prove your trust in God by giving.

TRUTH: The cornerstone motivation for giving is The Law of the Harvest (2 Cor. 9:6).

Law of the Harvest: You always reap more than you sow.

IV. GENEROSITY REVERSE BLESSES (Deuteronomy 15:10).

Psalm 112:5

Proverbs 11:24

Proverbs 11:26

V. HOW TO GIVE, 2 Corinthians 9:7

The three marks of genuine biblical generosity:

1. Carefulness

TRUTH: Biblical generosity isn't based on emotion.

2. Intentionality

TRUTH: Never give out of pressure or guilt but from the heart.

3. Cheerfulness

INVITATION: What are you giving Jesus for His birthday this year?