

“A GENEROUS LIFE: STARTS WITH THANKSGIVING”

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and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Timothy 3:15)

MYTHS OF A GENEROUS LIFE

- 1. THE MORE WE KNOW THE MORE GENEROUS WE ARE.**
- 2. THE MORE WE HAVE THE MORE GENEROUS WE ARE.**

THE KEY TO A GENEROUS HEART IS A THANKFUL HEART.

Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. ²They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. ³For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. ⁴They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. (2 Corinthians 8:1-4 NLT)

1. THANKSGIVING IS ROOTED ON GOD’S PEACE.

“And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings that one may offer to the LORD. ¹²If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the thanksgiving sacrifice unleavened loaves mixed with oil, unleavened wafers smeared with oil, and loaves of fine flour well mixed with oil. (Leviticus 7:11-12)

How can I repay the LORD for all the good that he has done for me? (Psalm 116:12 GW)

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. ⁹As the Scriptures say, “They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.” (2 Corinthians 9:8-9 NLT)

2. THANKSGIVING IS TAUGHT THROUGH GENEROSITY.

“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. ²³And before the LORD your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always. (Deuteronomy 14:22-23)

A. TITHING TEACHES MY HEART GRATITUDE TO THE LORD.

B. GENEROSITY PRODUCES THANKSGIVING TO GOD.

Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. (2 Corinthians 9:11 NLT)

C. GENEROSITY GIVES THANKSGIVING FOR OTHERS.

HOW DO WE CULTIVATE A LIFE OF THANKSGIVING THAT LEADS TO GENEROSITY?

1. GIVE YOURSELF TO GOD FIRST.

They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do. (2 Corinthians 8:5 NLT)

2. GIVE YOUR FIRST FRUITS TO THE LORD.

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; (Proverbs 3:9)

3. TITHING FREES US FOR GREATER GENEROSITY.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. (Matthew 23:23)

4. BY GIVING CONSISTENTLY

On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. (1 Corinthians 16:2)