

Series: The Gospel of Matthew – “Generous”

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Matthew 6:2-4, Oct 3, 2021

Breaking free from Approval Addiction (Matthew 6:1)

Applying the practice of secrecy to giving (6:2)

Trumpet blowing (6:2)

Right hand / Left hand (6:3) – Shoe lace tying example, with practice it becomes second nature

The Rewards of Generosity (6:4)

1. Blessing. *“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”* (Acts 20:35)

2. More Relational Connection. *“And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.”* (2 Cor. 9:14)

3. Freedom. *“Deliver...my precious life from the power of the dogs.”* (Psalm 22:20)

Example of ‘golem’ – Gollum, slavery to desire

Rule of God’s kingdom – Freedom - *“Freely you have received; freely give.”* (Matt 10:8)

4. Joy. *“The people rejoiced over the offerings, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD, and King David was filled with joy.”* (1 Chron. 29:9)

5. God’s Delight. *“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.”* (Prov 19:17)

6. A Blessing that will go to the Next Generation.

“They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be a blessing.” (Psalm 37:26)

7. Multiplied impact.

Poor widow’s offering (Mark 12:41-44)

Widow’s two cent offering becomes the most famous gift in history

8. A New Financial Partner.

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (Luke 6:38)

Practice of tithing, 1st 10% of income

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the LORD Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” (Malachi 3:10)

New Math of tithing: 90% *with* God is more than 100% *without* God

God says, “Test me in this”

Becoming intentional with our generosity