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Generosity

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The Meaning of Generosity

Matthew 6:19-33

¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

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25 “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

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²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

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³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

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Matthew 6:19-33

- Anxiety & Worry
- Master
- Lasting Treasure

The Manner of Generosity

Cain & Abel (Genesis 4)

- Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground (vs.3)
- Abel brings firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering (vs. 4)

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Old Testament Standard

- Leviticus 23:10 “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest,
- Prov. 3:9 Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce.
- Lev. 27:30 “Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the LORD’S; it is holy to the LORD. ³¹ If a man wishes to redeem some of his tithe, he shall add a fifth to it. ³² And every tithe of herds and flocks, every tenth animal of all that pass under the herdsman’s staff, shall be holy to the LORD.

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New Testament

- 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

¹ We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord,

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New Testament

⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶ Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷ But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you— see that you excel in this act of grace also.

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2 Corinthians 8:1-6

- Macedonians extremely poor (vs. 2)
- Gave beyond their means (vs. 3)
- Gave first to the Lord and then to Paul (vs. 5)

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New Testament

2 Corinthians 9:6-13

⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;

his righteousness endures forever.”

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New Testament

2 Corinthians 8:9

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

2021 Initiatives

1. Officer Nominations

Beginning on Sunday, February 7
Officer Training

2. Worship

Good Friday at Holiday Inn Solomons, April 2
Christmas Eve at Holiday Inn Solomons, Dec. 24

3. Missions

Deepen relationships with local and international partners
Growth of the committee
Good News Valentines Outreach, Feb. 12

2021 Initiatives

4. Hospitality

Women's tea

Music praise and prayer night

Outdoor Picnic

5. Prayer Ministry

Kingdom minded prayer

Include the younger generations

Growing awareness of prayer needs and answers to prayer

6. Men's Ministry

Growth of Saturday morning breakfast

Men's steak fry outreach

2021 Initiatives

7. Small groups

Grow from 50% participation

Identify and develop new leaders and groups

8. Counseling/Shepherding Ministry

Recruiting

Equipping

Mobilizing

2021 Initiatives

9. D2D Diapers to Diploma

Meals and events for teens and young adults

Discipleship and outreach

10. Property

Roof

Maintenance



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