

Whole Life Generosity

1. The origin of generosity

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9 NLT

2. Defining generosity

- **Freely**

Jesus sent out his twelve disciples with the following instructions: "...Freely you have received; freely give."

Matthew 10:5, 8

- **Abundantly**

In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

2 Corinthians 8:2

1 Timothy 6:18 NLT

3. Develop a whole life heart of generosity

2 Corinthians 9:7

- **Our habits move our heart**

Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Matthew 6:20-21 NLT

- **Our whole life, not just part**

Matthew 23:23 NLT

- **Spiritual and secular are integrated**

Luke 16:9, 11-12

4. Real generosity requires trust

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