

**High Point Bible Study**  
**September 30, 2015**  
**“Generosity as a Measure of Maturity”**

*“<sup>33</sup> I have not coveted anyone’s silver or gold or clothing. <sup>34</sup> You yourselves know that these hands have provided for my needs and for those who were with me. <sup>35</sup> In every way I’ve shown you that by laboring like this, it is necessary to help the weak and to keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, for He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”* Acts 20:33-35 (Scripture quotations are from the Holman Christian Standard Bible)

**I. WHAT Generosity Is:**

Generosity is managing the resources of God in the most effective, efficient and truthful manner possible with open hands to the possibilities He presents..

*II Cor. 8:4-5 - “They begged us insistently for the privilege of sharing in the ministry to the saints, and not just as we had hoped. Instead, they gave themselves especially to the Lord then to us by God’s will.”*

**II. WHAT Generosity Does:**

- **Demonstrates The Heart Of God In Practical Ways**

*II Cor. 9:7 - “. . . for God loves a cheerful giver”*

- **Designates The House Of God As A Priority**

*I Cor. 16:2 - “On the first day of the week, each of you is to set something aside and save in keeping with how he prospers so that no collections will need to be made when I come.”*

*Matt. 6:21 - “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

- **Destroys The Hold Of Materialism As A Problem**

*Matt. 6:24 - “No one can be a slave of two masters, since either he will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot be slaves of God and money.”*

*Matt. 6:19 - “Don’t collect for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But collect for yourselves treasures in heaven. . .”*

**Matt. 13:22 - *“Now the one sown among the thorns- this is the one who hears the word, but the worries of this age and the seduction of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.”***

**Luke 16:10-11 - *“Whoever is faithful in very little is also faithful in much, and whoever is unrighteous in very little is also unrighteous in much. So if you have not been trust faithful with the unrighteous money, who will trust you with what is genuine?”***

**I Tim 6:9-10 - *“But those who want to be rich fall into temptation, a trap, and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.”***

- **Declares Our Faith In His Promises**

**Hebrews 11:6 - *“Now without faith it is impossible to please God, for the one who comes near to Him must believe that He exists and rewards those who seek Him.”***

**Malachi 3:10 - *“Bring the full tenth into the storehouse so that there may be food in My House. Test Me in this way’ says the Lord of Hosts, ‘See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure.”***

**Luke 6:38 - *“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 back to you.”***

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