

# Generosity

## Deuteronomy 15:7-11 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> "If there is among you a poor man of your brethren, within any of the gates in your land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother,

<sup>8</sup> but you shall **open your hand** wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> Beware lest there be a **wicked thought in your heart**, saying, 'The seventh year, the year **of release, is at hand**,' and your eye be evil against your poor brother and you give him nothing, and he cry out to the Lord against you, and it become sin among you.

<sup>10</sup> You shall surely give to him, and **your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the Lord your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand.**

<sup>11</sup> For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.'

## Proverbs 11:24-25 (NKJV)

*There is one who scatters, yet increases more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty. The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.*

## Proverbs 11:24-25 (MSG)

*The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.*

Notice the principle - Giving generously equals blessings/made rich

I believe that God wanted His people to be generous **as a way of life** (not just in an offering) because being generous:

1. Reveals His nature to the world; the generous were a reflection of God's goodness and generosity to the nations.
2. It was a way for the rightful distribution of wealth. Everyone would get an opportunity to prosper. Those who were stingy would stay where they were and those who were generous would increase.

## Generosity defined:

Willing to give or share; unselfish. Showing or reflecting generosity. Large, abundant, ample. Lacking pettiness or meanness in thought or behavior.

## 2 Corinthians 9:5-8 (TLB)

*So I have asked these other brothers to arrive ahead of me to see that the gift you promised is on hand and waiting. I want it to be a real gift and not look as if it*

*were being given under pressure. But remember this—if you give little, you will get little. A farmer who plants just a few seeds will get only a small crop, but if he plants much, he will reap much. Everyone must make up his own mind as to how much he should give. Don't force anyone to give more than he really wants to, for cheerful givers are the ones God prizes. God is able to make it up to you by giving you everything you need and more so that there will not only be enough for your own needs but plenty left over to give joyfully to others.*

- Offerings do not disconnect you from your finances or wealth.
- The offering is not the end.
- You are at the beginning of your miracle.
- Rather your offering connects you to your increase.

I believe that giving breaks the spirit of poverty off your life. Though the results of your giving are not always immediately seen in your bank balance; if you are patient you will eventually see the increase. Every time that you give – not just your money but your life, your heart, your time, your finances you are making a deposit into the bank of God. He will pay you back...

Generosity destroys the spirit of poverty off your life. You will start to see breakthroughs in every area of your life.

“The rights of man come not from the **generosity** of the state but from the hand of God” (JFK)

God is large handed in generosity  
His treasury is full – He is able to make all grace towards you