

A HEART OF GENEROSITY
Blessed Life Ever! – Part 1
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“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35

THE KEY TO THE “BLESSED LIFE EVER” IS...
A HEART OF GENEROSITY.

“One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.” Proverbs 11:24-25

“Then he said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’” Luke 12:15

WHAT GENEROUS PEOPLE HAVE LEARNED:

1. MORE MONEY JUST CREATES NEW PROBLEMS.

And Jesus told them this parable: *“The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’”* Luke 12:16-17

2. WHAT I’VE ALREADY GOT IS GOOD ENOUGH.

“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.’” Luke 12:18

3. A BALLER LIFESTYLE WON’T MAKE ME HAPPY.

“And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’” Luke 12:19

4. “RICH TOWARD GOD” BEATS HORDING CASH.

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.” Luke 12:20-21

THREE MINDSETS

1. THE BAG: NOT ENOUGH.

“...You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, earns wages to put into a bag with holes.” Haggai 1:6 (NKJV)

2. THE BASKET: MORE THAN ENOUGH.

“The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock... Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.” Deut. 28:4-6

3. THE BARN: INFINITELY MORE THAN ENOUGH.

“The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to...” Deut. 8:8

HOW MUCH CAN GOD BLESS YOU WITH?

1. GIVING TO GOD SHOWS I CAN BE TRUSTED.

Jesus: *“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?”* Luke 16:10-11

2. GIVING TO GOD FIRST RELEASES OVERFLOW.

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing...” Proverbs 3:9-10

3. GIVING TO GOD IS THE BEST LIFE INSURANCE.

Jesus: *“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* Luke 12:32-34