

LIVING A LIFE OF GENEROSITY

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Acts 2:45 NKJ

...and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

GENEROSITY: getting outside of ourselves

Philippians 2:4 KJV

Look not every man on His own things, but every man ALSO on the things of others.

Five Components of Generosity:

1. The Revelation of Generosity

2 Corinthians 9:7 NKJ

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a CHEERFUL GIVER.

Matthew 16:17 NKJ

...for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

GET OUTSIDE OF OUR PERSPECTIVE.

2. Affection of Generosity

Colossians 3:2 NKJ

Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

GET OUTSIDE OF OUR AMBITIONS.

Luke 12:21 NKJ

“So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

Philippians 2:3 NKJ

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition...

Matthew 27:57-58 NKJ

Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him.

3. Compassion of Generosity

2 Corinthians 8:9 NKJ

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

GET OUTSIDE OF OUR PREJUDICE.

4. Conviction in My Generosity

Philippians 4:19 NKJ

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

GET OUTSIDE OF OUR FEARS (go without) AND GREED (miss out).

Psalms 37:25 NKJ

I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread.

5. Reflection of Generosity

GET OUTSIDE OF OUR WILL.

Luke 22:42-44

...saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." Then an angel

appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in AGONY, He prayed more earnestly. Then His SWEAT became like great drops of BLOOD falling down to the ground.