

Be Positive

Generosity

1 Chronicles 29:14

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***John 3** ¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. (NASB)*

Why should we be generous?

1. Generosity **REVEALS GOD'S CHARACTER.**

***1 Chronicles 29** ¹⁴ Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us! (NLT)*

2. Generosity draws us **CLOSER TO GOD.**

***Matthew 6** ²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. (NLT)*

3. Generosity deepens **MY LOVE & MY JOY.**

***1 John 3** ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. (NLT)*

***Acts 20** ³⁵ The Lord Jesus himself said, "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving." (GNT)*

4. Generosity **DEMONSTRATES MY FAITH.**

***2 Corinthians 9** ⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (NIV)*

5. Generosity leads to **BLESSINGS FROM GOD.**

***Luke 6** ³⁸ Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back. (NLT)*

6. Generosity expresses our **BELIEF IN ETERNITY.**

***Matthew 6** ²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. (NLT)*

***1 Timothy 6** ¹⁷ Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready*

to share with others. ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life. (NLT)