



# SPIRITUAL PRACTICES: GENEROSITY

## A. WHAT is the Spiritual Practice of Generosity?

The voluntary and joyful use and distribution of God's resources (including time, talent and treasure) for the benefit and love of God and others.

## B. WHY Practice Generosity?

1. We will Have Give An Account To God One Day (Rom. 14:12).
2. Generosity Keeps Us Dependent On God And Humble (2 Cor. 8:14).
3. Money Is The Mirror Of Our Heart Before God (Matt. 6:21).
4. Generosity Leads To More Intimacy With God.
5. Generosity Is Crucial For Spiritual Formation.
6. Generosity Leads To Blessing (Acts 20:35, Prov. 11:25).
7. Generosity Is Important As Witnesses Of Our Faith (Matt. 5:14).
8. Generosity Is A Guaranteed, High-Yield Investment.
9. Generosity Connects Us With Others.
10. Practicing Generosity Is Obedience (Matt. 6:19-20, Luke 12:15, 2 Cor. 9:6-7).

## C. HOW To Live Generously.

- Principle 1: Give God Our First And Best
- Principle 2: Invest According To God's Purposes (reaching the lost, building His church, acts of compassion and justice for those in need).
- Principle 3: Give In Proportion To How He Has Blessed You
- Principle 4: Learn To Give Sacrificially

## D. Other Tips For Living Generously

- Live On A Budget, Keep Track Of Your Spending
- Create A Discretionary Giving Fund
- Be Careful For A Scarcity Mindset
- Generosity Is About Building Your Relationship With Our Father

## E. Additional Generosity Resources

- *Contagious Generosity*, Chris Willard & Jim Sheppard
- *The Genius of Generosity*, Chip Ingram
- *Managing God's Money*, Randy Alcorn
- *Financial Peace University*, Dave Ramsey

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*And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him. Hebrews 11:6*