

One Heart & Soul

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Q: How do you teach your kids to “share” or be generous?

Q: What are the emotions tied up with “giving”?

Q: Have you ever experienced what Jesus said in Acts 20:35 “it’s more blessed to give than receive”? Share what that was like....

READ: Acts 4:32-35 “Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.”

Q: What’s interesting to you about the attitude of the early believers?

Q: Is there any “command” or demand to do this? Why do you think it happened?

Q: What was the purpose of this generosity?

Q: What message did this send to those in “need”? To those who didn’t believe?

READ: 2 Corinthians 9:7-14 “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. ¹³ By their approval of this

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service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, ¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

Q: According to verse 7, what's the guidelines of giving? What does God LOVE? WHY doe He LOVE this?

Q: According to verses 8-11 what is the promise God makes to us? How have you seen that true in your life?

Q: According to verse 13, there are two parts: "submission that comes from your confession" and "generosity". How are they related and how do they reinforce/confirm one another?

Q: What does "submission" have to do with confession?

Q: According to verse 15, something happens when we live like this! What is it?

Q: What is important about that? Like, how does that attitude/expression impact our witness?

Q: So, how can you impart this as a life-style to your family?

Family Project Idea:

Q: What's ONE need/cause/area of service your family can rally around and give radically to?

Some guidelines:

- Everyone is involved
- Everyone's talents and gifts are used
- It's "costly" (either time, talent or treasure)
- It builds humility
- There is a DIRECT connection with the mission of Jesus
- It's something you can be dedicated to for at least a season.