

CHRISTMAS IS... GENEROSITY!

Christmas Is For All People – Message 1

“We are saved because the Master Jesus amazingly and out of sheer generosity moved to save us...”

Acts 15:11 (MSG)

“We all live off God’s generous bounty, gift after gift after gift.”

John 1:16 (MSG)

WHY IS IT ESSENTIAL TO LEARN GENEROSITY?

1. _____

“The godly are generous givers.”

Psalm 37:21 (NLT)

“Everything we have has come from you Lord, and we can only give you what is yours already!”

1 Chron. 29:14 (LB)

“You will be glorifying God through your generous gifts. For your generosity to them will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.”

2 Cor. 9:13 (NLT)

2. _____

“It’s selfish and stupid to think only of yourself.”

Prov. 18:1 (CEV)

“The greedy set an ambush for themselves; they booby-trap their own lives! It is the fate of all who are greedy. It ends up robbing them of life.”

Prov. 1:18-19 (NLT)

3. _____

“Your generosity... not only provides for the needs of God’s people, but also produces prayers of thanksgiving to God.”

2 Cor. 9:11-12 (GW)

“Your heart will be wherever your treasure is.”

Matt. 6:21 (NCV)

4. _____

“Your giving proves the reality of your faith...”

2 Cor. 9:13 (Ph)

“Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”

2 Cor. 9:6 (NIV)

5. _____

“Give generously to others and do so without a grudging heart; THEN BECAUSE OF THIS the Lord will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.”

Deut. 15:10 (NIV)

“Good will come to those who are generous...”

Psalms 112:5

“It is possible to give freely and become more wealthy, but those who are stingy will lose everything.”

Prov. 11:24 (NLT)

“A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”

Prov. 11:25 (NIV)

6. _____

“Use your worldly resources to benefit others... In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven.”

Luke 16:9 (NLT)

“Tell them to use their money to do good...always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven--the only safe investment for eternity! And they'll live a fruitful Christian life down here as well.”

1 Tim. 6:18-19 (LB)

HOW TO DEVELOP A GENEROUS HEART

REALIZE IT'S NOT ABOUT _____

“If you’re really eager to give, it isn’t important how much you are able to give.”

2 Cor. 8:12 (NLT)

“You must make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.”

2 Cor. 9:7-8 (NLT)

Authentic Generosity is...

“God will give you many opportunities to do good, and he will produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Then you will be enriched so that you can give even more generously.”

2 Cor. 9:10-11 (NLT)

“REMEMBER the generosity of Jesus Christ, the Lord of us all. He was rich beyond our telling, yet he became poor for your sake so that his poverty might make you rich.”

2 Cor. 8:9 (Ph)

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Christmas Is For All People – Message 2

“The angel said to the Shepherds, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be FOR ALL PEOPLE.’”

Luke 2:10

“I have seen the Savior you have given TO ALL PEOPLE. He is a light to reveal God to THE NATIONS.”

Luke 2:25-34

GOD DOESN'T PLAY FAVORITES!

1. GOD _____ ON ALL PEOPLE

“God’s light shines on ALL people.”

Job 25:3

“He causes his sun to shine on ALL PEOPLE, both good and evil, and he sends rain to BOTH those who do right and those who do wrong.”

Matt. 5:45

“The Lord is good to EVERYONE.”

Psalms 145:9a

AT CHRISTMAS

“When the goodness of God appeared, he saved us...”

Titus 3:4

2. GOD _____ ON ALL PEOPLE

“He showers compassion on ALL his creation.”

Psalms 145:9b

“Each day the Lord pours out his unfailing love upon me.”

Psalms 42:8

LOVE PAYS ATTENTION

“God knows every way I take, is concerned about it, and pays attention to it.”

Job 23:10 (Amp)

“Can a mother forget her nursing child? ... I will NOT FORGET you! I have engraved you on the palms of my hands!”

Isaiah 49:15-16

LOVE TAKES ACTION

“Today, in the City of David, A SAVIOR FOR YOU has been born. He is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:11

3. GOD _____ OF ALL PEOPLE

“God made the hearts of all people so he understands everything they do.”

Psalms 33:15

“Jesus sympathizes with our weaknesses, since he faced all of the same temptations we do.”

Hebrews 4:15

“When we’re weak and tired... God’s Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don’t know how or what to pray, it doesn’t matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayers out of our wordless sighs and our aching groans.”

Romans 8:26 (MSG)

“You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.”

Psalms 56:8 (NLT)

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those who are crushed in spirit.”

Psalms 34:18

4. GOD _____ FOR ALL PEOPLE

“Jesus sacrificed himself for ALL PEOPLE to free them from their sins.”

1 Tim. 2:6

“John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Here comes the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’”

John 1:29

“He died FOR EVERYONE, so that all who live would not continue to live for themselves, but would live for him who died for them.”

2 Corinthians 5:15

5. GOD WILL _____ WITH ALL WHO BELIEVE AND RECEIVE HIS SON

“To ALL who received him and believed in his name, Jesus gave the right to become children of God.”

John 1:12

“It makes no difference who you are or where you’re from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open.”

Acts 10:35 (MSG)

‘EVERYONE who calls on the name of the Lord WILL be saved!’

Acts 2:21

A “FOR ALL PEOPLE” PRAYER

Dear God, Thank you for your goodness to me. Thank you for loving me and caring about every detail of my life. Thank you for sharing my pain. Most of all, thank you for sending Jesus at Christmas to save me. I believe he died on the Cross for me and I want to receive him as my Savior. Please forgive my sins and accept me into your family. I want to learn to love you, and trust you, and follow you for the rest of my life on earth. Then I want to join you in heaven forever! Amen.