

LIVING A GENEROUS LIFE

Better Together
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KOINONIA (FELLOWSHIP) IS TRANSLATED:

Community (Philippians 2:1 MSG)
Participation (1 Corinthians 10:16 NIV)
Contribution (Romans 15:26 NIV)
Generosity (2 Corinthians 9:13 GW)

WHY BE GENEROUS?

1. IT CREATES _____

"Your generosity . . . not only provides for the needs of God's people, but also produces prayers of thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11-12 (GW)

"Your heart will be wherever your treasure is." Matthew 6:21 (NCV)

"The community of believers . . . shared everything in common."
Acts 4:32 (NAB)

2. IT DEFEATS _____

"You cannot serve both God and money." Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

3. IT STRENGTHENS _____

"Your giving proves the reality of your faith" 2 Corinthians 9:13 (PHILLIPS)

"Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." 2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)

"God is able to make it up to you by giving you everything you need and . . . plenty left over to give joyfully to others." 2 Corinthians 9:8 (TLB)

4. IT'S AN INVESTMENT _____

"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 the rich to use their money to do good . . . giving happily to those in need, 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 will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well." 1 Timothy 6:18-19 (TLB)

5. IT BLESSES ME _____

"Give generously . . . and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to." Deuteronomy 15:10 (NIV)

Luke 6:38, Proverbs 3:9-10, Proverbs 11:25, Psalm 112:5-6

6. IT PRODUCES _____

"There is more happiness in giving than in receiving." Acts 20:35 (GNT)

7. IT MAKES ME _____

"We all live off God's generous bounty, gift after gift after gift." John 1:16 (MSG)

"Everything we have has come from you Lord, and we can only give you what is yours already!" 1 Chronicles 29:14 (TLB)

"You will be glorifying God through your generous gifts."
2 Corinthians 9:13 (NLT)

HOW CAN I PRACTICE GENEROSITY?

"If you're really eager to give, it isn't important how much you are able to give."
2 Corinthians 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."
2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT)

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"Celebrate the Harvest Festival, to honor the Lord, by bringing him a freewill offering in proportion to the blessing he has given you." Deuteronomy 16:10 (GNT)

"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 Corinthians 8:9 (PHILLIPS)

"We are saved because Jesus . . . out of sheer generosity moved to save us"
Acts 15:11 (MSG)