

"The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." Luke 12:16-19

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God." Luke 12:20-21

Why do we believe more is always for me...because we are not generous...
Generosity!!

I know people who will watch hot check TV, read the paper for back taxes, study the counter filled with insufficient funds tell everyone...rob God and not think twice
Malachi 3:8-9 *"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me."*

Proverbs 3:9-10 *"Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."*
Jesus keeps on about Pocket Change...

Believe 272

Pray 371

Love 714

Give 2,162

-16 Out Of 38 Parables About Possessions

-Wealth, 2nd Greatest Theme In The Bible

-1 Out Of 10 Verses Synoptic Gospels (Matt, Mark, Luke)

Proverbs 22:9 *"A generous man will himself be blessed."*

Luke 16:11 *"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"*

Luke 12:34 *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

1. GENEROSITY IS ALL ABOUT GOD

John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son,"*

I am agreeing with my brand new nature, not my old nature.

Generosity begins with the tithe...then to offerings 11%, 12%, 13%...

2. GENEROSITY IS ALL ABOUT A LIFESTYLE

It transcends everything we say touch and feel.

It is the reason we are seeing vision fulfilled, because of your generosity.

Ill. We are going to hit the big time then we are going to give...that day never comes

3. GENEROSITY IS ALL ABOUT BLESSINGS

Proverbs 22:9 *"A generous man will himself be blessed."*

Proverbs 16:20 *"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord."*

2 Corinthians 9:6 *"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."*

Give little get little

Dave Ramsey "I have never counseled a marriage on the rocks that are obedient tithers."

4. GENEROSITY IS ALL ABOUT ATTITUDE

Generous people say "you are the Lord" when we give first...

2 Corinthians 8:7 *"But just as you excel in everything-in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us- see that you also excel in this grace of giving."*

5. GENEROSITY IS ALL ABOUT MATURITY

How is your budget?

ITEM	Recommended %
Tithe\Charitable Gifts	10-15%
Saving	5-10%
Housing	25-35%
Utilities	5-10%
Food	5-15%
Transportation	10-15%
Clothing	2-7%
Medical\Health	5-10%
Personal	5-10%
Recreation	5-10%
Debts	5-10%

Spiritual maturity equals...4 things

Salvation, church membership, service, tithing

6. GENEROSITY IS THE OPPOSITE OF GREED

Let's be generous with what God has given us...