Message Notes "The Godly Love To Give"

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"Virtually every chapter in Proverbs contains practical wisdom about money, possessions, and generosity."

- Proverbs on Hard Work & Wealth = 6:6-8; 10:4; 12:11; 13:11; 14:23; 24:33-34
- Proverbs on Greed = 1:19; 11:26; 22:16; 22:22-23
- Proverbs on Debt = 17:18; 22:7; 22:26-27
- Proverbs on Investing = 13:22; 27:23-24
- Proverbs on Generosity = 3:27; 11:25; 14:21; 22:9; 28:27

"Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give!" - Proverbs 21:26

"godly" = "righteous" or "devotion in action"

Biblical Principle: The Godly LOVE to give!

The greatest motivation for our giving has to be _____

"This is how God loved the world: He <u>gave</u> his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." – John 3:16

"God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." – Romans 5:8

"Give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." – Ephesians 5:20

God is generous and He expects us to follow His _____

"I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you." – John 13:15

"Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children." – Ephesians 5:1

"Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly."

- 2 Corinthians 8:12

"We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions."

— 1 John 3:16-17

Generosity tells the world what matters _____

"The godly are generous givers." - Psalm 37:21

"Your generosity will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ." – 2 Corinthians 9:13

"Living generously is an act of faith and sacrifice."

"Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." – Matthew 6:21

HOW we give is as important as _____ we give

"Light shines in the darkness for the godly. They are generous, compassionate, and righteous." – Psalm 112:4

"Generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity." – Isaiah 32:8

"You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. 'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.'" – 2 Corinthians 9:7

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill

WHY DOES GOD ASK US TO BE GENEROUS?

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

- Mother Teresa
- 1. Generosity changes _____
- 2. Generosity changes _____
- 3. Generosity changes

^{*}All Scripture references are from the New Living Translation (NLT) of the Bible unless otherwise noted