

# What's in Store for the Generous

## Decades - Part 8

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**Generosity is love in action.**

*"For this is how God loved the world: He gave ... "* John 3:16 (NLT)

## **Eight Things Your Generosity Has Done:**

### **1. Your generosity has honored God.**

*"<sup>12</sup>So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their **thanks to God**. <sup>13</sup>As a result of your ministry, they will **give glory to God**. ... "* 2 Corinthians 9:12-13 (NLT)

### **2. Your generosity has drawn you closer to God.**

*"Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."* Matthew 6:21 (NLT)

### **3. Your generosity has made you more like Jesus.**

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

#1 - I am the source of all their cheetos.

#2 - I could take them all away if I wanted to. I could also go back and buy them a truckload of cheetos if I wanted to.

#3 - I don't need their cheetos.

God doesn't need your cheetos!

### **4. Your generosity helps break the grip of materialism.**

*"<sup>17</sup>Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. <sup>19</sup>By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life."* 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)

### **5. Your generosity has demonstrated your faith.**

*"And I am praying that you will **put into action the generosity that comes from your faith** as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ."* Philemon 6 (NLT)

### **6. Your generosity will bring God's blessings.**

*“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in My Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!” Malachi 3:10 (NLT)*

## **7. Your generosity will bring God’s protection.**

*“<sup>5</sup>Good comes to those who lend money generously and conduct their business fairly. <sup>6</sup>Such people will not be overcome by evil. Those who are righteous will be long remembered. <sup>7</sup>They do not fear bad news; they confidently trust the Lord to care for them. <sup>8</sup>They are confident and fearless and can face their foes triumphantly. <sup>9</sup>They share freely and give generously to those in need.” Psalm 112:5-9 (NLT)*

We may be uncertain about the future but God is not.

*“... Their good deeds will be remembered forever. They will have influence and honor.” Psalm 112:9 (NLT)*

## **8. Your generosity today will be remembered and rewarded for eternity.**

You can’t take it with you. But you can send it ahead!

*“<sup>19</sup>Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.” Matthew 6:19-20 (NLT)*

*“<sup>4</sup> ... tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done ... <sup>6</sup>so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. <sup>7</sup>Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget His deeds but would keep His commands.” Psalm 78:4, 6-7 (NIV)*

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