

“Generosity”
Romans 12:13

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I. Generosity

- A. Needy saints/believers (Galatians 6:10)
Contribute [*koinōneō*] - sharing together
- B. Directions
 - 1. Motivated by God’s generosity
 - 2. Not grudgingly or under compulsion (2 Corinthians 9:7)
 - 3. Purposefully (1 Corinthians 16:2)
 - 4. As God prospers (Mark 12:41-44)
- C. Be more generous
 - 1. Yield it all
 - a. It’s God’s (Psalm 24:1)
 - b. Stewardship (Matthew 25:14-30)
 - c. Who will you serve? (Matthew 6:24)
 - 2. Work for it
 - a. “The American Dream”
 - b. To give (Ephesians 4:28)
 - c. To provide (1 Timothy 5:8; 2 Thessalonians 3:10)
 - d. Investment
 - 3. Fight greed (Luke 12:15)
 - a. Idolatry (Colossians 3:5)
 - b. Contentment (Hebrews 13:5; 1 Timothy 6:8-10)
 - 4. Eliminate debt
 - a. Hinders our generosity
 - b. Indicator of other financial issues
 - c. Frugal lifestyle
 - 5. First fruits (Exodus 23:19)
 - a. First and best not the leftovers
 - b. As the Lord prospers (NT)
- D. Where to give (1 Timothy 5:3-10)

- 1. Needy family (1 Timothy 5:8)
- 2. Needy believers (13a)
- 3. The Church (1 Corinthians 9:7, 9, 11; Malachi 3:8, 10)
- 4. Organizations/missionaries
- 5. The needy

II. Hospitality [*philoxenia*] - love strangers
Pursue [*diōkō*] - to seek after eagerly, earnestly endeavor to acquire

- A. Ministers (3 John 5-8)
- B. Strangers (Hebrews 13:2; Matthew 25:35)
- C. One another (1 Peter 4:9)

III. Application

- A. Loosen your grip
- B. Start with the church - 1%, 5%, 10%
- C. Seek out ways to be generous
- D. Open your home to missionaries
- E. House a student
- F. Welcome new attenders
- G. Invite a new person from church to lunch

“God prospers me not to raise my standard of living , but to raise my standard of giving.” Randy Alcorn - *“The Treasure Principle”*

Your Action Point(s): _____