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OF GROWTH

Give it a Year
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Acts 20:35

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Generosity is woven into the very heart of God. From the beginning, He has been a giving God. He has given us life, given us promises, given us provision, and ultimately, He gave us His One and Only Son. The Apostle Paul attributes Jesus to saying “it is more blessed to give than to receive”. Jesus was revealing a spiritual reality that giving unlocks joy.

Generosity is counter cultural to the world. The world is constantly telling us to accumulate, protect, store up, and increase. Generosity invites us to loosen our grip. It teaches us to trust rather than control. When we give of our time, our resources, our encouragement, our compassion...we step into the flow of God's heart. Giving transforms us because it shifts our focus from ourselves to others, aligning us with God's nature.

When you give, you reflect The Father. You mirror His kindness and His abundance. You declare through your actions that you trust Him to supply whatever you pour out. And the blessing that follows is a deeper sense of peace, joy, and purpose.

Generosity also reorients our hearts toward eternity. Every gift given in love becomes a seed: a seed of hope in someone else's life, a seed of faith in our own, a seed that God waters in ways we may never see. What looks small...an encouraging word, a meal offered, a need quietly met...becomes an opening of God's grace. And when you give, you never end up with less in the ways that truly matter. You end up richer in spirit, fuller in joy, and more anchored in God's love by bringing Heaven down to Earth.

READ:

Luke 6:38

Proverbs 11:25

2 Corinthians 9:6–8

John 3:16

REFLECT:

- Do I trust God to provide or am I holding tightly out of fear?
- When have I experienced joy from giving unexpectedly?
- What area of my life is God inviting me to open my hands in generosity?
- What practical step of generosity can I take this week? (examples: Buy a coffee for a stranger, Hold a door open, Stop and visit with my neighbor, an encouraging text, etc.)

PRAYER:

Father God, Thank You for being the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Your generosity has overflowed into my life in so many ways. Your love, Your provision, and Your grace is unending. Lord, make my heart more like Yours. Teach me to give freely, joyfully, and without hesitation. Remove fear, selfishness, or anything that keeps my hands closed. Help me trust that when I pour out, You will pour in. Let my generosity reflect Your character and become a light that points others to You. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.