

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PRAYER ATLANTA
DEVELOPING A HEART OF GENEROSITY
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I. Introduction

2Ti 3:1-2 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money...

A. For believers there is a necessary counter-response to the “perilous times” that the scriptures describe will come upon the earth in the last days.

B. It’s amazing that the two chief sins at the end of the age are narcissism and the love of money.

Heb 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (NIV)

C. The way that we live free from the love of money is by developing a generous spirit.

D. A generous spirit goes far beyond giving money, though giving money is a key way that we express generosity.

E. Ways generosity can be expressed:

1. Giving Finances
2. Giving Possessions
3. Giving Time
4. Giving Love

II. Understanding Generosity

A. Generosity is defined as giving more than what is expected; a larger or more plentiful portion; showing kindness.

B. Some of the words the original words that are translated generous or generosity are literally translated: liberal, voluntary, magnanimous, plumpness, bountiful, good at imparting.

C. I define generosity as being continually willing to give and share what you have.

III. The Blessing of Generosity

Psa 37:21, 26 The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously; 26 They(the righteous) are always generous and lend freely; their children will be a blessing.

Psa 112:5 Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

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Pro 11:25 A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Pro 22:9 The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Pro 11:24-25 There is one who scatters, yet increases more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, But it leads to poverty. The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself.

Pro 22:9 He who has a generous eye will be blessed, For he gives of his bread to the poor.

Isa 32:8 But a generous man devises generous things, And by generosity he shall stand.

Luke 6:35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High...

2Co 9:6, 8, 11 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously ...8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

IV. **Grace to be Generous**

A. Obedience to the Scripture

1Ti 6:18 Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

B. Revelation of the Father's generosity

1Ti 6:17 Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

C. Understanding of the truth of stewardship

Luk 17:10 So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'

D. Trusting completely in the Lord's commitment to provide for our needs

Phil 4:19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

E. Revelation of the blessing of liberality

Acts 20:35 ... It is more blessed to give than receive