

“Heart Work: Generous Giving”

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

For a Christ-follower, giving is not an option.

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:38

God is after your heart.

“But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:20-21

How can we live a life of generosity?

A. Deal With a Selfish Heart

“Be careful not to harbor this wicked thought: ‘The seventh year, the year for cancelling debts, is near’, so that you do not show ill will toward your needy brother and give him nothing.” Deuteronomy 15:9

1. The enemy of generosity is selfishness.
2. According to God, selfishness is wickedness.

B. Deal With a Grieving Heart

“Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.” Deuteronomy 15:10

1. Selfishness attacks before we give, grief attacks after we give.
2. The reason we grieve when we give is because we think what we give away is ours.

C. Develop A Generous Heart

“Supply him liberally from your flock, your threshing floor and your winepress. Give to him as the Lord your God has blessed you.” Deuteronomy 15:14

1. We are born selfish.
2. We are born again generous.

D. Develop A Grateful Heart

“Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you. That is why I give you this command today.” Deuteronomy 15:15

1. If you follow Christ, God has redeemed you.
2. We have so much for which to be grateful.

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