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Part 3

“Generosity”

**Psalm 37:21-26 NIV**

*<sup>21</sup> The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously; <sup>22</sup> those the LORD blesses will inherit the land, but those he curses will be cut off. <sup>23</sup> If the LORD delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; <sup>24</sup> though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand. <sup>25</sup> I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. <sup>26</sup> They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.*

“You make a living by what you get –  
You make a life by what you give.”  
~ Winston Churchill

**Principles of Generosity**

1. Generosity is motivated by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 6:38 NKJ**

*<sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”*

**Luke 6:30-35 NKJ**

<sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. <sup>31</sup> And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

<sup>32</sup> "But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. <sup>35</sup> 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. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

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2. Generosity is based on \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Proverbs 3:9-10 NKJ**

<sup>9</sup> Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase;  
<sup>10</sup> So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

#### **Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJ**

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

#### **Malachi 3:10 NCV**

<sup>10</sup> Bring to the storehouse a full tenth of what you earn so there will be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD All-Powerful. "I will open the windows of heaven for you and pour out all the blessings you need.

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### 3 Things You Have to Settle About God

1. God cannot \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God's \_\_\_\_\_ is His \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God's \_\_\_\_\_ cannot \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Matthew 24:35 NKJ**

<sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

3. Generosity is \_\_\_\_\_ by our \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Trust Flows 2 Ways

1. Do I trust \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. Does God trust \_\_\_\_\_ ?

#### **Luke 16:10-13 NIV**

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? <sup>13</sup> "No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

#### Good Stewardship Has 3 Components

1. God's the \_\_\_\_\_ - I'm the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Psalms 24:1 NLT**

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

2. Good stewardship always flows from \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **1 Timothy 6:6-7 NKJ**

<sup>6</sup> Now godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ decisions are weighed by how it will affect

your \_\_\_\_\_.

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#### 4. Generosity Operates With An \_\_\_\_\_

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##### **1 Timothy 6:17-19 NKJ**

*<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.*

##### **Matthew 6:19-21 NIV**

*<sup>19</sup> "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*