

Generosity is not just about wealth.

For in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity of their part.
2 Corinthians 8:3 | ESV

It is about true living.

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.
1 Timothy 6:18-19 | ESV

Q| *How can I put my generosity to practice?*

Practice it with your neighbors.

Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor.
Proverbs 14:21 | ESV

**May you continue to be blessed
beyond what you are able to keep for yourself.**

No Excuses | No Regrets

PRACTICE GENEROSITY | Your Slightest Wish

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**All who are generous give,
but not all who give are generous.**

I. Your Slightest Wish | To Give or Take

Take from among you a contribution to the LORD. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the LORD's contribution: gold, silver, and bronze.
Exodus 35:5 | ESV

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7 | ESV

Generosity is a part of who we once were.

The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives.
Psalm 37:21 | ESV

It is personally felt by God.

Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.
Proverbs 14:31 | ESV

Q| *What is my heart inclined to do?*

II. Your Slightest Wish | **My Highest Duty**

And David said longingly, “Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem that is by the gate.”

1 Chronicles 11:17 | ESV

But David would not drink it. He poured it out to the LORD and said, “Far be it from me before my God that I should do this. Shall I drink the lifeblood of these men? For at the risk of their lives they brought it.”

1 Chronicles 11:18-19 | ESV

Generosity will increase your social value.

Many seek the favor of a generous man, and everyone is a friend to a man who gives gifts.

Proverbs 19:6 | ESV

It has many ways of expression.

You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11 | ESV

Q| *Do I have a circle of friends willing to do this for me?*

Q| *Am I a friend willing to do this for others?*

Q| *How does ministry forge friendships like this?*

III. Your Slightest Wish | **Ignored?**

And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table.

Luke 16:20-21 | KJV

Generosity always invests into your future.

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

Proverbs 19:17 | ESV

It hopes in what only God can provide.

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.

1 Timothy 6:17-18 | ESV

Q| *Do I have a long view of this life?*

IV. Your Slightest Wish | **Practiced!**

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts.

Acts 2:46 | ESV