

THE GENEROUS GAZE

Big Idea

When you give to God, you are serving him and bringing glory and honor to his name. The Bible says in Proverbs 22:9 **“He who has a generous eye will be blessed...”**. God is going to help all of us to develop, mature, and grow so that He would give us a generous eye, that everywhere we go, our head is on a swivel, and we're saying: “God help me to be a blessing and generous”. God's word promises that you will be blessed. Satan cannot stop the blessings of God; it's a principle you sow, you will reap, you give, you will be blessed; you can't even stop the blessings of God.

We will never miss what I invest in God's kingdom. In fact, we need to change our mindset and generate in us the same generous heart that God has that understands that because God has blessed us with more, we will intentionally and strategically give more. There are two characteristics of a generous person:

1. The spontaneous giver: Luke 10:35 (NIV) *“The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’”*
2. The strategic giver. Isaiah 32:8 (NLT) *“But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity.”*

A generous person plans to be generous and stands firm in their generosity.

Scripture

- Do not be deceived. God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (Galatians 6:7)
- Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 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 Cor. 9:6-7)
- Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. (2 Cor. 9:10)
- You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. (2 Cor. 9:11)

Discussion Questions

- Is there a specific area of your life where you struggle to be generous? It could be financial or spiritual (e.g., areas of forgiveness, patience, kindness, etc.)
- Consider the unlimited creativity of our Father God: Can you recall a time when you gave generously in one way but reaped in a different or completely unexpected way? (e.g., spiritual blessings, relationship healing, etc.)
- Take a closer look at 2 Corinthians 9:10, which says that God will “enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.” What does that mean?

Prayer Focus

Heavenly Father, thank you for your incomparable generosity to us. You are a loving and lavish giver in every way. You gave Your one and only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for my sins. Lord, when I consider this, I am overcome with gratitude. Let my life be a reflection of your amazing grace, and may my giving reflect the eternal values of Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, I pray, amen.

Next Steps

It is more blessed to give than to receive. This week, prayerfully consider ways you can show the generosity of the Father to those around you. Ask God to open your eyes to others' needs so that you can be a source of blessing.

Leader Tip

Encourage transparency in your group by considering the important and influential people in your life, past or present. How has their generosity and investment in your life impacted you? How has it shaped your ideas of what it means to be generous?