

VII. GENEROSITY _____ YOU FOR ETERNITY

“19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.” Matthew 6:19-20

“17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.” I Timothy 6:17-19

VIII. GENEROSITY _____ THE VISION

“19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:19-20

“From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

Ephesians 4:16

Generous people see giving as an _____, not an obligation. They see giving as something they _____ to do, not something they have got to do.

CLIMBING THE GENEROSITY LADDER

**The Ladder Matters
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INTRODUCTION

A. The generosity ladder, like any other ladder is simply a tool. It will get you from your current level to a higher plane. If you climb up the generosity ladder you will experience life as you’ve never know it before. You will be able to replace financial stress with financial peace.

“Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace,...” Romans 14:19a

B. In this series, you will learn powerful, Biblical principles about how to climb the generosity ladder and experience financial peace.

TODAY	The Ladder Matters
January 16	Stepping On The Ladder
January 23	Stepping Up The Ladder
January 30	Stepping Beyond The Ladder

The goal of this series is to move you from financial stress to financial peace.

C. TEXT: Romans 8:31-32 (Pew Bible/Page 162/New Testament)

_____ is generous and He wants His children to be _____ Him.

“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?” Matthew 7:11

“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children”
Ephesians 5:1

Will You Take Your Next Step To Financial Peace?

EIGHT REASONS GENEROSITY MATTERS

I. GENEROSITY _____ YOU CLOSER TO GOD

“7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.....”

James 4:7-8a

“22 Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.

23 ... the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always.” Deuteronomy 14:22-23b

II. GENEROSITY _____ YOU HAPPY

“I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Acts 20:35

“Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.”

I Chronicles 29:9

III. GENEROSITY _____ MEANING TO YOUR WORK

“There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God.”

Ecclesiastes 2:24

”Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.”

Ephesians 4:28

IV. GENEROSITY _____ YOUR LOVE FOR GOD

“... and to prove the sincerity of your love.” II Corinthians 8:8b

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Matthew 6:21

V. GENEROSITY _____ THE GRIP OF MATERIALISM

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

I John 2:15

“9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things;...”

I Timothy 6:9-11a

VI. GENEROSITY _____ YOUR FAITH

“5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

Malachi 3:10

“9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.”

Proverbs 3:9-10