



**A BETTER LIFE, PART 6**

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## **Generosity: How to Have a Life That Overflows**

### **1. STEWARDSHIP IS NOT \_\_\_\_\_.**

*O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.* Micah 6:8

*When God speaks of a "new" covenant, it means he has made the first one obsolete. It is now out of date and will soon disappear.* Hebrews 8:13

### **2. GOD IS GENEROUS IN \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens.* James 1:17

*On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me!"* John 7:37

*For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people.* Titus 2:11

*"I wanted to pay this last worker the same as you. Is it against the law for me to do what I want with my money? Should you be jealous because I am kind to others?"* Matthew 20:14–15

*Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."* Luke 23:43

### **3. YOU WERE MADE \_\_\_\_\_ GOD'S GLORY.**

*Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us."* Genesis 1:26

*The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.* Genesis 2:15

*"But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike."* Matthew 5:44

**4. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR OWN GENEROSITY.**

*He will love you and bless you, and he will give you many children. He will give fertility to your land and your animals. When you arrive in the land he swore to give your ancestors, you will have large harvests of grain, new wine, and olive oil, and great herds of cattle, sheep, and goats.* Deuteronomy 7:13

*What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?* 1 Cor. 4:8

*"Give as freely as you have received!"* Matthew 10:8

**5. SO \_\_\_\_\_ GENEROSITY.**

*There will always be some in the land who are poor. That is why I am commanding you to share freely with the poor and with other Israelites in need.* Deuteronomy 15:11

*"When you harvest the crops of your land, do not harvest the grain along the edges of your fields, and do not pick up what the harvesters drop. It is the same with your grape crop—do not strip every last bunch of grapes from the vines, and do not pick up the grapes that fall to the ground. Leave them for the poor and the foreigners living among you."* Leviticus 19:9

*"Give to those who ask, and don't turn away from those who want to borrow."* Matthew 5:42

*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. 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.* 1 Timothy 6:17–18

**Because someone else \_\_\_\_\_.**

*If you help the poor, you are lending to the LORD—and he will repay you!* Proverbs 19:17

**Because you \_\_\_\_\_.**

*The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.* Proverbs 11:25

**Because you \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.* Ephesians 4:11–12

*Now I say to you that ... I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.* Matthew 16:18