**Generous Part 3          Pastor David King**

**The Marks of a Generous Life**

(Luke 10:30-37) **30**In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. **31**A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. **32**So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33**But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. **34**He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. **35**The next day he took out two denarii[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+10%3A30-37&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25399a)] 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.’ **36**“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” **37**The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

1. **Love that looks beyond itself.**

(Colossians 3:12) Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

1. **Willing to invest time in others.**

(Ecclesiastes 3:17) I said to myself, “God will bring into judgment both the righteous and the wicked, for there will be a time for every activity, a time to judge every deed.”

1. **Willing to use its abilities and resources at hand.**

(1 Peter 4:10) Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

1. **Intentionally gives money for eternal purposes.**

(2 Corinthians 9:6-12) **6**Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. **7**Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **8**And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. **9**As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”**10**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. **11**You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. **12**This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

1. **The favor of God.**

(Psalms 112:5) Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

1. **Real prosperity.**

(Proverbs 11:25) A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

1. **A Legacy of impact.**

(Psalms 37:25-26) **25**I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. **26**They are always generous and lend freely;
their children will be a blessing.

1. **Impact with Honor.**

(1 Samuel 2:30) “Therefore the Lord, the God of Israel, declares: ‘I promised that members of your family would minister before me forever.’ But now the Lord declares: ‘Far be it from me! Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained.

1. **Bonus:  Treasures in Heaven.**

(1 Timothy 6:18-19) **18**Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. **19**In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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