

A HEART OF GENEROSITY
DEEPLY ROOTED – Part 5
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Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? **Romans 8:32 (NLT)**

God can bless you with everything you need... You will be blessed in every way, and you will be able to keep on being generous. **2 Corinthians 9:8, 11 (CEV)**

We need to develop the Good Root of
A Heart of Generosity.

WHY DO I NEED A HEART OF GENEROSITY?

1. Generosity displays God's character.

From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. **John 1:16 (NLT)**

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him. **Psalms 24:1 (NLT)**

Everything we have has come from you Lord, and we can only give you what is yours already! **1 Chronicles 29:14 (LB)**

You will be glorifying God through your generous gifts. **2 Corinthians 9:13 (NLT)**

2. Generosity draws me closer to God.

Your heart will be wherever your treasure is. **Matthew 6:21 (NCV)**

3. Generosity determines my blessing.

Generous people will be blessed. Because they share their food with the poor. **Proverbs 22:9 (CEV)**

If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure... and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving will be used to measure what is given back to you. **Luke 6:38 (NLT)**

Give generously... and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. **Deuteronomy 15:10 (NIV)**

4. Generosity demonstrates my faith.

Your giving proves the reality of your faith... **2 Corinthians 9:13 (PH)**

...The whole nation is under a curse because you're robbing Me. Bring your whole tithe into the storehouse so there will be plenty in My house. Test Me in this,' says the Lord almighty 'and just see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you won't have room enough for it. **Malachi 3:9-10 (NIV)**

Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever." For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. **2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (NLT)**

"...I taught you to remember the words Jesus said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' " **Acts 20:35 (NCV)**