

#GetOverYourSelfie

Generosity over Selfishness

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 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.

1 Timothy 6:17-19

"We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give."
Winston Churchill

**Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.**

Proverbs 4:23

gen•er•o•si•ty

"I have one simple message to offer and it's this: giving is the most potent force on the planet. Give daily, in small ways and you will be happier. Give and you will be healthier. Give and you will even live longer." "Giving protects overall health twice as much as aspirin protects against heart disease."

(Post & Neimark, Why Good Things Happen to Good People)

**The generous will prosper;
those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.**

Proverbs 11:25

"Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity, I know that I am moving from fear to love."

Henri Nouwen

Giving is a powerful force. The research proves it. Giving gives us life. It connects us to other people, brings us joy, and increases our well-being.

Brad Formsma, I Like Giving, p 69

"I've never met an angry, bitter, generous person. So, I want to be generous."

Brad Formsma

SEVEN WAYS EVERYONE CAN BE GENEROUS

(Insights from the book I Like Giving by Brad Formsma)

1. BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR THOUGHTS

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

Proverbs 23:7 NKJV

2. BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR WORDS

**Gracious words are a honeycomb,
sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.**

Proverbs 16:24

**The tongue has the power of life and death,
and those who love it will eat its fruit.**

Proverbs 18:21

3. BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR ATTENTION

**When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her,
"Woman, you are set free from your infirmity."**

Luke 13:12

4. BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR INFLUENCE

But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.

Acts 9:27

5. BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR MONEY

**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.**

2 Corinthians 9:7

6. BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR STUFF

be generous and willing to share.

1 Timothy 6:18

7. BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME

...serve one another humbly in love.

Galatians 5:13

**Therefore, as we have opportunity,
let us do good to all people.**

Galatians 6:10