Generosity Changes Us

Generosity feels different, because <u>money competes for the throne</u>.

Matthew 6:19-21 (ESV)

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...

Matthew 6:24 (ESV)

No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on...Matthew 6:25 (ESV)

Matthew 6:33 (ESV)

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Grace → Gratitude → Generosity → Enrichment → Thanksgiving

2 Corinthians 8:9 (ESV)

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

1 Chronicles 29:14 (ESV)

But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

We're not owners. <u>We're stewards.</u>

Romans 5:8 (ESV)

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

1 Corinthians 16:2 (ESV)

On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper...

2 Corinthians 9:7 (ESV)

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

1 Timothy 6:17-18 (ESV)

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God... They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share...

Psalm 23:1 (ESV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Hebrews 13:5 (ESV)

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Philippians 4:19 (ESV)

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (ESV)

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work...

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (ESV)

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

You can't <u>outgive God.</u>

2 Corinthians 9:12 (ESV)

For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

Grace → Gratitude → Generosity → Enrichment → Thanksgiving

1 Timothy 6:18-19 (ESV)

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Philemon 1:6 (NLT)

I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ.