

BE A BLESSING: The Blessing of Generosity!

Scripture used: [John 3:16 \(NLT\)](#); [Matthew 20:26-28 \(NIV\)](#); [Philippians 4:17 \(MSG\)](#)

OVERVIEW

This week Pastor Hurmon posed a searching question: *Am I generous enough?* The truth is, we can all grow in generosity. There is always another level. God calls us not only to receive blessings, but to become blessings. True generosity flows not from guilt or manipulation, but from a heart of abundance and love. Paul taught that following Jesus reshapes how and why we work ([Acts 20:35](#)). Our labor isn't only about earning compensation. It's about creating resources so we can help those in need. Likewise, generosity transforms our identity ([Ephesians 4:28](#)), shifting us from takers to givers. As Winston Churchill said, *"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."* Generosity is more than money—it includes kindness, empathy, forgiveness, and service. It should ripple outward, shaping our families and future generations. At its heart, generosity reflects the very nature of God, who gave us His Son as the ultimate act of extravagant love ([Luke 6:35-36](#)). As Mother Teresa reminded us, *"It is not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."*

KEY POINTS

1. **Generosity redefines our work.** Work is not meant to be an endless cycle of earning, spending, and striving for ourselves. Paul reminds us in Acts that while compensation is necessary, it should not be our ultimate goal. As followers of Jesus, we work so that our hands and resources are ready to bless others. This shifts the focus of our labor from self-centered gain to Kingdom-centered purpose. In doing so, our work becomes more than a paycheck. It becomes worship!
2. **Generosity reshapes our identity.** God calls us to move from takers to givers, from consumers to contributors. When generosity defines us, it changes how people experience us. We are no longer seen as demanding, entitled, or self-absorbed, but as open, life-giving, and gracious. Generosity shapes our character in ways that last beyond a single gift or act. Over time, it becomes our reputation, the way people know us, and the legacy we leave.
3. **Generosity reproduces itself.** True generosity has a ripple effect that moves far beyond the moment. When we give kindness, forgiveness, or resources, others are inspired to do the same. This reproducing nature of generosity is what creates lasting change in families, churches, and even nations. The way we treat people in our households, the habits of giving we model, and the way we respond to both blessings and hardship—all of this sets the tone for the next generation.
4. **Generosity reflects God's heart.** At the center of our faith is a God who gave extravagantly. He offered His only Son for us out of overflowing love. Every breath we take and every blessing we experience is a reminder of His generosity. When we practice generosity, we are imitating God's nature. This isn't about occasional acts of charity. It is about aligning our lives with His character. God's generosity is not reluctant, measured, or conditional. It is abundant, joyful, and extravagant.
5. **Generosity requires practice.** Living generously doesn't happen by accident. It takes intentional decisions and ongoing habits. Pastor Hurmon challenged us to reorder our financial priorities. Give first, then Save, then Pay (Bills & Taxes), then Spend. This practice ensures that generosity isn't squeezed into whatever is left over but placed at the center of our lives. This principle applies not only to money, but also to time, energy, and forgiveness. By making generosity our first instinct, we train our hearts to trust God's provision and participate in His work in the world.

DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** - Where is God stretching you toward greater generosity—your money, your time, your compassion, or your forgiveness? How would your identity shift if "giver" was one of your top qualities?
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** - Since generosity reshapes our identity from takers to givers ([Ephesians 4:28](#)), how does this transformation reflect the process of sanctification—becoming more like Christ—and what does it reveal about the work of the Holy Spirit in us?
- 3) **DO** - Pre-decide what percentage of your income you will give this week and give it first. [Sign up for Serve Day](#) next Sunday, October 5th, when our church will be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Pray for our nation, support the *Be A Blessing* fund, and live out extravagant generosity daily.