

# GENEROUS LIVING

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## I. Living a Generous Life

A. **Generous** - *Webster* - Liberal in giving: Openhanded, marked by abundance or ample proportions. Willingness and excessive

1. **Core Value: WE BRING OUR "A" GAME - Excellence Reflects God**
2. **Acts 20:35** - "...It is more blessed to give than to receive."

B. **Core Value - WE LIVE GENEROUSLY - Freely receive, Freely give**

1. **Prov 11:24-25 Message** 24 The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. 25 The one who blesses others **"is" abundantly blessed**; those who help others are helped.

## II. Matt 6:19-21,24

A. **Success** - *Webster* - favorable or desired outcome; the attainment of wealth, favor, or eminence

B. **Lay up** — *thesaurizo* - To gather, store up or reserve; deposit

C. **Treasures** - A deposit, treasure box. Place where precious things are collected and laid up.

D. **For yourselves** — *humin* - To you

E. **On earth - Temporary world**

1. **2 Cor 4:18**...For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.
2. **1 Tim 6:17-19** 17 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. 18 Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, 19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

F. **2 things impact treasures stored up on the earth:**

1. **Moths & Rust Destroy** - to make invisible, consume, disappear; be destroyed
  - a) Speaks of setting in storage, lack of use over time; a little at a time.
2. **Thieves break in and Steal** – To take secretly w/out permission.
  - a) **John 10:10** – the thief does not come except to steal, to kill, and to destroy.
  - b) Secret, sudden and total loss. Breaking in access points:
    - (1) Fear, insecurity, rejection, intimidation, discouragement.

G. **V20**

1. **Phil 4:15-20** — "...Fruit that abounds to your account."
2. **Mal 3:16-17** For those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name. 17 "They shall be Mine," says the Lord of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. (*special treasures NLT*)

H. **V21** - Where your treasure is NOW, your heart WILL BE

1. Your treasure arrives before your heart.

I. **V24** – We cannot serve two masters

1. **Serve** - *douleuo* - To serve in response to the demands and commands of others. Under the control and influence of others.
2. **Loyal** - *antechomai* - Join with and maintain loyalty to, adhere to
3. **Despise** - *kataphroneo* - Think something is bad or of no value. Contempt
  - a) **1 Tim 6:10** - Love of money

III. **Breaking the spirit of mammon - Tithe/firstfruits**

A. **Rom 11:16** 16 For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy

1. **When we begin to believe that our problems could be solved by more money, then we are being deceived by the spirit of mammon.**

B. **Luke 16:10** 10 He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.

C. **Mal 3:8-12**

IV. **APPLICATION:**

- A. Am I storing up treasures in the right place?
- B. Are my treasures focused on myself or others?
- C. Which master am I serving?

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