

# SERMON NOTES

November 4 & 5, 2023

## **The Generous Life:** How to Get Rich Luke 6:38

### 1. How to get rich:

Conventional Wisdom      Vs      Unconventional Wisdom

**Luke 6:38**  
**Proverbs 11:24-25**  
**2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

2. Generous people are \_\_\_\_\_ in every way.

Ungenerous people are \_\_\_\_\_ in every way.

**2 Corinthians 9:11**

3. Ungenerosity \_\_\_\_\_ than generosity in every way.

Ungenerous People Tend To:

a. \_\_\_\_\_ on themselves, \_\_\_\_\_ over their problems and  
\_\_\_\_\_ into obsessive egocentrism

**Exodus 1:8-11**

b. Pay a \_\_\_\_\_

**Exodus 5:1**

c. develop a \_\_\_\_\_ that leaves them \_\_\_\_\_

**Exodus 5:6 – 9, 17-18**

d. have a lower sense of \_\_\_\_\_

e. become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_

4. "Practicing generosity requires and reinforces the perception of living in a world of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ " - Christian Smith, The Paradox of Generosity

**Matthew 6:26,28**

### 5. Practical Questions:

a. "I'm married. My spouse and I are on two very different pages when it comes to money, tithing, and generosity. What should I do?"

b. "I tithe my time so I don't have to tithe my money. Is that correct?"

# Life Steps

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## Monday

**2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

**Reflect:** What impact does our attitude have on our giving? Why should we be generous? In what ways would you like to change your attitudes or actions towards giving? What is your next step?

**Prayer:** Generous God, help me to have the attitude of Jesus in my giving.

## Tuesday

**John 12:23-25**

**Reflect:** In what ways is generosity like sowing and reaping? How is Jesus death on the cross the ultimate example of generous giving?

**Prayer:** Generous God, thank you for generously giving the gift of your Son.

## Wednesday

**Proverbs 11:24-25**

**Reflect:** What are some of the ways we benefit when we give generously? In what ways can we become impoverished if we don't give generously?

**Prayer:** Generous God, use all that I am and all that I have to be a blessing to others.

## Thursday

**Luke 6:38**

**Reflect:** How does the wisdom of this verse work in our lives? What happens to us when we are generous? How could a stingy/greedy person misconstrue this verse to be self-serving?

**Prayer:** Generous God, forgive my stingy, greedy, self-serving ways.

## Friday

**Exodus 1:8-11; 5:6-8, 17**

**Reflect:** What did Pharaoh do that showed him to be ungenerous? What were the consequences of his behavior? See your message notes.

**Prayer:** Generous God, may the words of my mouth and the sharing of my life reflect the essence of your character.

## Saturday

**Luke 12:16-21**

**Reflect:** What does this parable say about hoarding? What do we learn from this passage about how God feels about people not being generous?

**Prayer:** Generous God, transform me to be like your Son so that my life might be pleasing to you.

## Sunday

**Matthew 6: 25-34**

**Reflect:** In your opinion, what does money "do for you?" What does this say about your trust in God? "As long as money is the chief source of my security, money will be the chief source of my anxiety." How is this statement true for you?

**Prayer:** Generous God, help me to trust in you, knowing that you will always provide for me and my family.