

GENEROSITY MULTIPLIER



MATTHEW 14:13-21

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Definitions

Thankfulness: An expression of being aware, pleased, or satisfied with a received benefit

Generous: Something given in abundance, bountifully, or unselfishly

Unhealthy: When something is not working according to its design

Healthy: When something is working according to its design

Healing: The process of aligning how something functions with its design

1. We are **designed** _____ to be generous.

a. It's who our Father is and what our Father does.

John 3:16

b. We are image-bearers. It's in our DNA to be generous.

Genesis 1:27

2. We are **deceived** _____ about generosity.

Why don't we give more consistently and generously?

a. Lack of trust (spiritual issue)

1. We are afraid we won't have enough.

Romans 8:15

2. We are afraid God won't take care of us.

Matthew 6:33

b. Lack of ability (natural issues caused by spiritual issues)

1. Our “heart” is out of order (discontentment, envy, jealousy, lust, pride, etc.)

2. Our finances are “out of order.”

c. Lack of understanding

1. We miss the connection between our faith and our generosity.
1 Corinthians 2:14

2. We try to solve spiritual problems with natural thinking and actions.

3. We get stuck in this cycle of asking the “Why God...” questions.

You can't remove spiritual obstacles with natural thinking.

You can't solve spiritual problems using natural solutions.

3. We are rewarded when we are generous.

Do we have to give?

a. Giving is an opportunity, not an obligation.

2 Corinthians 9:7

b. Giving is a spiritual discipline.

Hebrews 11:6

4. We build the Kingdom with our generosity.

Asking Jesus into your life is as easy as A-B-C

Gospel A-B-C's // Father, I Admit that I am a sinner and that my sin has brought death and destruction into my life, my relationships with people, and my relationship with God. **Romans 3:23, 6:23**

I Believe that Jesus died for my sins and that His death paid the penalty for my sins. **Romans 5:8**

I Confess or agree that Jesus is Lord, that He died and rose from the dead, and is able to forgive me of my sins. **Romans 10:9-10**

Jesus, I trust that You love me and can hear my prayer. By faith, I ask You to please forgive me and fill me with the Holy Spirit. I surrender my life to You. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

If you understood that prayer and prayed to accept Jesus' invitation into a relationship, text "SAVED" to 52525.