



# THE HEART OF generosity

## **“The Start of a Generous Heart!”**

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### **Sermon Notes**

*“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!”*  
*Matthew 6:22-23*

### **The Generous Heart Starts by....**

#### **GAINING A KINGDOM PERSPECTIVE ON MONEY**

*Everything was created through him and for him. Colossians 1:16 NLT*

#### **I. 1 Timothy 6:17-19 NLT**

**<sup>17</sup> “Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. “Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.”**

#### **We Start by RECOGNIZING GOD AS THE SOURCE**

*Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens.”*  
*James 1:17 NLT*

## **II. Matthew 6:19-21**

<sup>19</sup> “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

### **We Start by HOLDING OUR TREASURES LOOSELY**

*“If you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?” Luke 16:11 NLT*

## **III. 2 Corinthians 8:7**

<sup>7</sup> But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

### **We Start by TAKING STEPS TO BE GENEROUS**

*“Listen carefully to what I am saying—and be wary of the shrewd advice that tells you how to get ahead in the world on your own. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity. Stinginess impoverishes.”*  
*Mark 4:24-25 MSG*