



## #4 “Love Ignites Extravagant Giving”

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### Sermon Notes

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...John 3:16a*

## The “Heart of Generosity” **IS IGNITED BY LOVE**

### I. Matthew 26:6-13

<sup>6</sup> While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, <sup>7</sup> a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. <sup>8</sup> When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” they asked. <sup>9</sup> “This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.” <sup>10</sup> Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup> The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup> When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

## A Generous Heart is **EXTRAVAGANT AND UNDETERRED**

*Now you should finish what you started. Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving. Give in proportion to what you have.*  
*2 Corinthians 8:11 NLT*

### II. 2 Corinthians 8:1-3 NLT

<sup>1</sup> Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. <sup>2</sup> They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. <sup>3</sup> For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will.

## A Generous Heart is **JOYFUL AND SACRIFICIAL**

*Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. <sup>16</sup> And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.*  
*Hebrews 13:15-16 NLT*

### **III. 2 Corinthians 8:4-5 NLT**

**<sup>4</sup> They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup> They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do.**

### **A Generous Heart is FOCUSED ON GOD AND OTHERS**

*Love makes up for practically anything. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless—cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: if words, let it be God's words; if help, let it be God's hearty help. That way, God's bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and he'll get all the credit as the One mighty in everything...*  
*1 Peter 4:8-11a MSG*