

# THE GENEROUS LIFE



PART 1: The Author of Generosity | Sunday, May 15, 2016

## gen·er·ous

- 1) Freely giving or sharing money and other valuable things
- 2) Liberal in giving or sharing; unselfish.
- 3) Providing more than the amount that is needed or normal
- 4) Abundant or ample
- 5) Showing kindness and concern for others

### 1. God's extravagance at \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Colossians 1:16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

### 2. God's gift of His only \_\_\_\_\_.

John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

### 3. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ laid down His life.

John 10:18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Ephesians 5:2b ...Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

### 4. God grants us \_\_\_\_\_.

1 John 5:11-12 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

## GENEROSITY 101

1 Timothy 6:17-19 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

### 1. As children of God, generosity is a part of our God \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. We \_\_\_\_\_ with the *Generous Life* because it is in direct conflict with our old, carnal, sinful nature.

3. We limit generosity by only equating it to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ generosity by relinquishing ownership.

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

Proverbs 11:25 A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

## THE GENEROSITY EXPERIMENT

- ❖ In the next SEVEN days choose ONE item (time, resources, finances, wisdom, a random act of kindness, etc.) that you will offer to God and ask Him to whom you are to direct your gift.
- ❖ Record what you did, how the recipient of your generosity responded, and in five words or less share how it made you feel. Send it to Pastor Dean's Assistant Amy Williamson ([amy@rockfamilychurch.com](mailto:amy@rockfamilychurch.com)) and/or share on the RFC Facebook page.

*\*All scriptures are from the NIV translation unless otherwise noted.*