



## SERMON NOTES

### Live to Give

#### The Generosity Paradox

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**Proverbs 11:24 (MSG)**

The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.

Generosity is the virtue of giving freely and abundantly of yourself and your possessions in service of others.

#### God's Generosity

**Matthew 7:9, 11 (NIV)**

“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”

**James 1:17 (NKJV)**

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”

#### THE FOUR SOURCES OF GOD'S BLESSINGS

1. THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalm 105:17 (NLT)**

17 Then he sent someone to Egypt ahead of them— Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

**Genesis 45:7-8 (NLT)**

7 God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors. 8 So it was God who sent me here, not you! And he is the one who made me an adviser to Pharaoh—the manager of his entire palace and the governor of all Egypt.

**Luke 6:38 (KJV)**

38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

God provides through others but won't let us rely on others.

Man is a channel of God's blessing but never the source.

You may lose a job; that means you lost a channel of God's blessing, but not the source of your blessing.

**2. THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Exodus 16:14-15 (NLT)**

**14** When the dew evaporated, a flaky substance as fine as frost blanketed the ground. **15** The Israelites were puzzled when they saw it. “What is it?” they asked each other. They had no idea what it was. And Moses told them, “It is the food the LORD has given you to eat.

We don't always recognize God's blessings in our life.  
God's blessings are proportionate to our needs.  
God prospers according to the size of your assignment.

**3. THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Joshua 5:12 (NLT)**

**12** No manna appeared on the day they first ate from the crops of the land, and it was never seen again. So from that time on the Israelites ate from the crops of Canaan.

From handouts to hands on, working their own fields. As it has been said before, “There ain't no free lunch.”  
“You don't work; you don't eat” (2 Thess. 3:10).

**Deuteronomy 15:10 (NIV)**

**10** Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

**Deuteronomy 11:8-15 (NLT)**

**8** “Therefore, be careful to obey every command I am giving you today, so you may have strength to go in and take over the land you are about to enter. **9** If you obey, you will enjoy a long life in the land the LORD swore to give to your ancestors and to you, their descendants—a land flowing with milk and honey! **10** For the land you are about to enter and take over is not like the land of Egypt from which you came, where you planted your seed and made irrigation ditches with your foot as in a vegetable garden. **11** Rather, the land you will soon take over is a land of hills and valleys with plenty of rain— **12** a land that the LORD your God cares for. He watches over it through each season of the year! **13** “If you carefully obey all the commands I am giving you today, and if you love the LORD your God and serve him with all your heart and soul, **14** then he will send the rains in their proper seasons—the early and late rains—so you can bring in your harvests of grain, new wine, and olive oil. **15** He will give you lush pastureland for your livestock, and you yourselves will have all you want to eat.

**4. THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Proverbs 13:22 (NKJV)**

**22** A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

**Numbers 14:9 (NKJV)**

**9** Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them.”

**Psalms 37:25 (NKJV)**

“I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.”