



## SERMON NOTES

### Live Generously

#### Extravagant Generosity

#### Luke 18:1-8

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*Mark 14:1-9 (NLT) It was now two days before Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The leading priests and the teachers of religious law were still looking for an opportunity to capture Jesus secretly and kill him. 2 "But not during the Passover celebration," they agreed, "or the people may riot." 3 Meanwhile, Jesus was in Bethany at the home of Simon, a man who had previously had leprosy. While he was eating, a woman came in with a beautiful alabaster jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard. She broke open the jar and poured the perfume over his head. 4 Some of those at the table were indignant. "Why waste such expensive perfume?" they asked. 5 "It could have been sold for a year's wages and the money given to the poor!" So they scolded her harshly. 6 But Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. Why criticize her for doing such a good thing to me? 7 You will always have the poor among you, and you can help them whenever you want to. But you will not always have me. 8 She has done what she could and has anointed my body for burial ahead of time. 9 I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be remembered and discussed."*

*John 12:3 (ESV) "...The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume."*

### LESSONS ON EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

#### 1. BLESSEDNESS COMES THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_

*Mark 14:3 (Phillips NT) "...She broke the neck of the flask and poured the perfume on Jesus' head."*

Greek Word: συντρίβω

Transliteration: syntribō

Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

#### 2. NO \_\_\_\_\_ IN GOD'S MUNIFICENCE

*Mark 14:4 (MSG) Some of the guests became furious among themselves. "That's criminal! A sheer waste!"*

#### 3. IF IT COSTS NOTHING IT \_\_\_\_\_ FOR NOTHING

*2 Samuel 24:24 (ESV) But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.*

*Mark 14:8 (NLT) She has done what she could..."*

An action is precisely of the value of the motive by which it has been actuated.  
–Alexander Finer, D. D.

**1. "Doing" is the only acceptable proof that a man is truly living for the Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Luke 8:21 (ESV) But he answered them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."*

**2. "Doing" is the only evidence that will benefit a man in the day of Christ's judgment.**

*2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*

**3. "Doing" love is authentic love.**

*John 14:15 (NLT) "If you love me, obey my commandments.*

Answers:

1. Brokenness
2. Wastefulness
3. Counts