

Generous Living - Part 3

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Created in the image of a generous God, we are _____

Freely you have received, freely give. Matthew 10:8b NKJV

God creates us to be generous, and _____

_____ **to be generous**

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10 NLT

...Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!

1 Chronicles 29:14 NLT

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. Luke 16:10 NIV

WHAT a tithe is... _____

We do not GIVE our tithe, we _____

"Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me." "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. Malachi 3:8-9 NIV

"Give these instructions to the Levites: When you receive from the people of Israel the tithes I have assigned as your allotment, give a tenth of the tithes you receive—a tithe of the tithe—to the LORD as a sacred offering. Numbers 18:26 NLT

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him...

Proverbs 19:17 ESV

WHEN a tithe is... _____

*"...You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things."
Matthew 23:23 NLT*

The practical benefits of tithing and living generously:

- giving sets us free _____

- giving positions us to _____
_____ **abundantly**

*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.
Malachi 3:10 NIV*

Give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the LORD your God will bless you in everything you do. Deuteronomy 15:10 NLT

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19 NLT

QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

- *Share some thanksgivings! What are you thankful for this week?*
- *What have you been given? What's all under your care?*
- *Read Proverbs 3:1-10. What stands out to you?*
- *What's a tithe? What does it entail? What is its importance?*
- *What has generosity looked like in your faith journey thus far?*
- *Share prayers & pray!*