The Good Life
Part 3-The Power of Generosity
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Psalm 24:1– "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

The Big Idea:

Generosity is not about what God wants from you, but what God wants for you.

Proverbs 11:24 (The Message)-- "The world of the generous gets larger and larger,the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller."

Generosity sets me free:

- **Generosity sets me free from the love of money.**

1 Timothy 6:10 "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil."

- **Generosity sets me free from the fear of not having enough money.**

2 Corinthians 9: 8 "'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."

1 Timothy 6:17 "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."

1 Timothy 6:18 "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. "

Money makes a wonderful servant, but a terrible master.

- **Generosity connects me to Kingdom purpose!**

Philippians 1:3-6 "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who

began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Generosity turns my earthly resources into eternal investments.

- **Generosity aligns my heart with God's.**

2 Corinthians 8: 1-5 "We want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testitfy that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. And they exceeded our expectations:They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. "

- Their economic position did not determine whether they would be givers or not.
- Obedience is never convenient.
- They gave with overflowing joy, even during extreme poverty and severe trials.

"The only investments I have ever made which have paid constantly increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord." **–J.L. Kraft from Kraft Cheese Corporation**

- **Generosity makes room for the Supernatural!**

Proverbs 11:24 (ESV) "One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want."

You can never outgive God!