

The Treasure of a Generous Heart Matthew 6:19-34

What is a generous heart?

Generous in Hebrew:

Generous in Greek:

The Focus of a Generous Heart

You need to store up heavenly treasures to strengthen and protect your heart.

Matthew 6:19-24

...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Vs. 21

- A heart focused on earthly treasures can be destroyed, broken or stolen. Matthew 6:19
- A heart focused on heavenly treasures will never be destroyed, broken or stolen. Matthew 6:20
- You enjoy a clear singular purpose with your life. Matthew 6:22, 23
- So each of us must choose whom we will serve, God or wealth. Matthew 6:24

The Faith of a Generous Heart

You need faith that our Lord is generous and will fulfill His promise to provide for you.

Matthew 6:25-34

- Your faith will drive away worry because you have great worth to God. Matthew 6:25, 26, 28-30
Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?
- Your faith will add health and strength to your life. Matthew 6:27
And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?
- Your faith will allow you to pursue God's kingdom knowing He will provide for you. Matthew 6:31-33
But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
- Your faith will give your heart daily peace as you trust God for the future. Matthew 6:34
So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Digging Deeper:

We serve a very generous God. He owns the entire world and shares so much of it with us. Such generosity should help us remember how we are called to live our lives as well. Here is a good quote from G. Campbell Morgan, one of the great teachers and writers of a past generation; his words are timeless:

You are to remember with the passion burning within you that you are not the child of to-day. You are not of the earth, you are more than dust; you are the child of tomorrow, you are of the eternities, you are the offspring of Deity. The measurements of your lives cannot be circumscribed by the point where blue sky kisses green earth. All the fact of your life cannot be encompassed in the one small sphere upon which you live. You belong to the infinite. If you make your fortune on the earth-poor, sorry, silly soul-you have made a fortune, and stored it in a place where you cannot hold it. Make your fortune, but store it where it will greet you in the dawning of the new morning.

LifeGroup Discussion:

God's has a heart of generosity and wants us to grow with a heart of generosity as well.
Read Exodus 35:21, Who stirred their hearts to generosity?

Spend some time in I Chronicles 29:2-9.

Why did the people rejoice? Why do you think there was such joy in their generosity?

In I Chronicles 29:5, what must first be consecrated to the Lord to have such joy in generosity?

In I Chronicles 29:6, how did the people give when their heart is right with the Lord?

In I Chronicles 29:11-13, David offered one of the great prayers in the Bible.

What does it teach you about our riches and God's generosity?

Why is it important to have a mature view toward finances?

What danger is there when we live in extremes of poverty or wealth according to Proverbs 30:7-9?

As you evaluate your own heart from the passage above, how would you rate your level of appreciation for God's generosity and your expression of generosity to others?

Next Steps:

Attend a Generous Living Event in February

Generous Living is Calvary's financial discipleship ministry. Their passion is for every believer in Jesus to experience the blessing that comes from living a balanced and generous life. Check out the upcoming Generous Living classes and learn more at calvarylife.org/generous

- **Financial Peace University | Wednesdays February 10 - April 13 | 7:00 pm in W-209**
Learn the practical aspects of how to beat debt, find bargains, invest for the future and more.
Check out the FREE preview class this **Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 pm.**
- **Budget + Get Out of Debt Workshop | Saturday, February 13 | 8:45 am - Noon in W-209.**
Receive the training, tools, and biblical principles to help you gain peace and create wise financial margin.
- **Estate Planning + Living Trust Seminar | Saturday, February 27 | 8:45 am - Noon in Fellowship Hall**
Learn about estate planning, living trusts, and how to pass on a legacy that blesses and does not hurt loved ones.