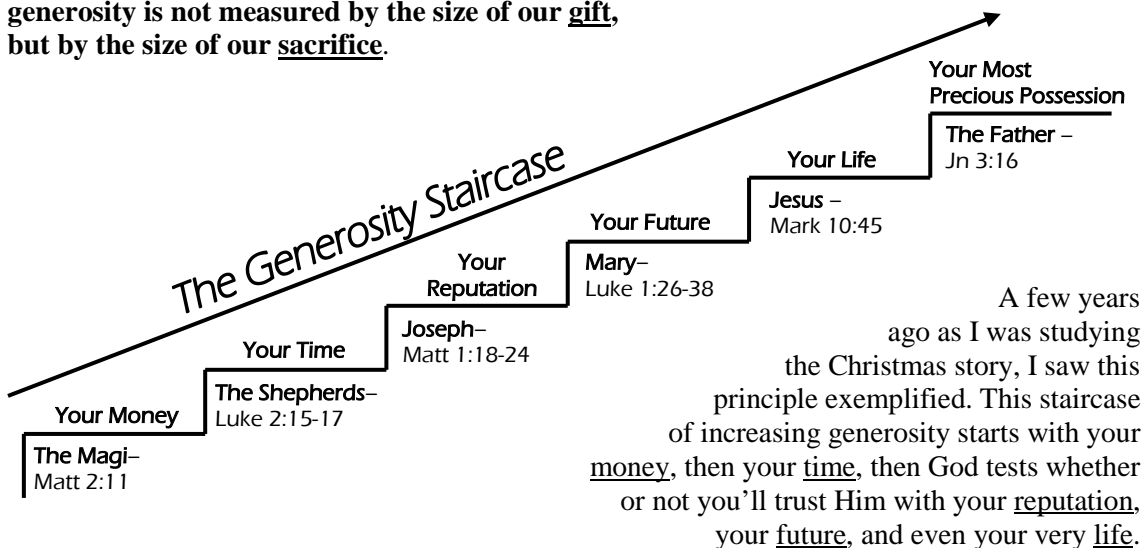


Generosity – It’s more than money.

Too often when we think about generosity, our minds go straight to money. We tend to measure our generosity by how much we financially give to our church, charitable organizations, and individuals.

But as you look through Scripture, you will discover money is only the first step to true generosity. In Luke 21:1-4, Jesus tells the story of the widow’s mite. She gave 2 cents – it wasn’t much but it was all she had. Jesus used her as a prime illustration to teach his disciples that **generosity is not measured by the size of our gift, but by the size of our sacrifice.**



You see, God commands us to generously give all of our life back to Him, not so much as a virtuous *act*, but as a virtuous *response* to His mercy and generosity towards us.

When you think about it, this is what Romans 12:1 is all about, “*Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.*”

In this edition of *Coffee Break*, I’ll be sharing with you a special message called, “**How Does God Measure Generosity?**” which explains God’s heart behind this staircase of generosity in greater detail.

Generosity pays big dividends.

All of God’s commands are for our good. Generous people are happier, live longer, and enjoy far more positive relationships than those who are greedy and miserly. Solomon put it this way, “*He who waters will himself be watered*” (Prov 11:25b)

So be generous ... somewhere.

In times like this, it's easy to hold tightly to what we have – our money, time, and our relationships. But we are most like God when we give sacrificially. **Your generosity is the visible expression of your love (in response to God's love) for God and others.**

Wouldn't it be stunning if in these pressing economic times you were even more generous with your money, time, and talents? What do you think that might communicate to your family, coworkers, neighbors, or someone in need?

I challenge you to take a "next step" on the generosity staircase this month. What would it look like for you to give sacrificially as a visible expression of God's love towards others?

When you give... it will be doubled!

If Living on the Edge is one of those places God has laid on your heart to sacrificially give to, then we have an incredible opportunity for you.

In the midst of a difficult economy, a group of generous friends have come together to present you with a matching gift of \$180,000– and it's growing on a daily basis. That means when you give this month, it will literally be doubled! It will have twice the impact!

As you consider your steps of generosity this month, I hope you will take a few moments to read our ministry update. God has been very generous with His blessing on Living on the Edge as we strive to help Christians live like Christians.

I cannot stress what a pivotal time this is for Living on the Edge. Thank you for taking a few minutes to read our ministry update, listen to the June edition of *Coffee Break*, and give as God leads you by July 15th.

I'm extremely grateful for your prayers for me and our team as we're moving forward to "seize the day" in the power of the Spirit for the glory of the Lord Jesus and His Church.

Making a Difference Together,



Chip Ingram, Living on the Edge