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Theology on Money

Welcome to this companion devotion for our blog post on Generosity. These Bible passages and thought-provoking questions are designed to help you engage with the Scriptures, as well as, observe, understand, and apply God's Word to your life. I pray this devotion will inspire and motivate you to consider the benefits of applying the truth of each passage and growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

LEAN IN

- How is your life different because of someone else's generosity?

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NLT)

"Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others."

2 Corinthians 8: 12-15 (NLT)

"Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have. Of course, I don't mean your giving should make life easy for others and hard for yourselves. I only mean that there should be some equality. Right now you have plenty and can help those who are in need. Later, they will have plenty and can share with you when you need it. In this way, things will be equal. As the Scriptures say, "Those who gathered a lot had nothing left over, and those who gathered only a little had enough."

Proverbs 11:24-25 (ESV)

“One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.”

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)

“Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.”

Proverbs 19:17

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.”

Acts 20:35

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

LOOK DOWN

- What do these passages tell us about what giving should look like?

LOOK OUT

- Who comes to mind when you think about examples of generous givers? What is it about those people that inspires you?

LOOK IN

- What would it mean for you to embody more generosity in your own life?

LIVE IT OUT

- How would taking the steps to becoming a more generous giver impact the world around you?