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The Power of Generosity
Matthew

Mark 12:38-44
Deuteronomy 10:16-19

Three Ways Generosity Changes Our Lives

I. Generosity opens our eyes to see the _____.

Matthew 11:5 *Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.*

II. Generosity opens our mind to comprehend the _____

Mark 12:38-44 *And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ⁽³⁹⁾ and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁽⁴⁰⁾ who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁽⁴¹⁾ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁽⁴²⁾ And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁽⁴³⁾ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁽⁴⁴⁾ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."*

III. Generosity opens our heart to encounter _____.

Deuteronomy 10:16-19 *Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ⁽¹⁷⁾ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ⁽¹⁸⁾ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ⁽¹⁹⁾ Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.*

Point:



Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. Describe an act of awesome generosity that you have witnessed recently.
2. Why is generosity so difficult to sustain?
3. Mark tells us the poor widow gave all she had to live on. What would "complete generosity" look like to you?
4. How might we begin to expand generosity in our own life?

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