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A GENEROUS LIFE

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Proverbs 13:22 NIV

A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children....

Ecclesiastes 3:11

Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

Psalms 90:12 NIV

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Ephesians 5:15-17

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

Proverbs 11:25

Generous people will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

Dashen - A life made rich, full, and flourishing—body, soul, and circumstances

Psalms 112:5-6

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

Generosity Game Plan

1. OWNERSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD OWNS IT ALL

Psalms 24:1

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

"I'm a little pencil in the hand of a writing God. If the writing or drawing is good, we do not honor the pencil but rather the one who used it."

- Mother Teresa

Deuteronomy 8:18

But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth

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2. STEWARDSHIP - MANAGE WHAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO YOU

1 Corinthians 4:2

Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.

Luke 16:10

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."

3. TITHING - HONOR GOD BY GIVING HIM YOUR FIRST

Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Malachi 3:10

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

5 Reasons Why I Tithe

- Tithing puts God first in my life
- Tithing funds God's work through His church
- Tithing positions my life for God's favor and blessing
- Tithing breaks greed off of my life
- Tithing gives my job an eternal impact

4. GENEROSITY - LET THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE YOUR GIVING

Romans 8:14

"For all who are led by God's Spirit are children of God."

3 ACTIONS STEPS

GENEROUSLY GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE

2 Corinthians 9:11 NIV

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

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GENEROUSLY SERVE OTHERS

Matthew 20:28

Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

GENEROUSLY SHARE CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:20

So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

1 Timothy 6:18-19

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.