

Day 11 - Generosity in Action

The woman of noble character in Proverbs 31 impacts her everyday life in beautiful ways. One specific way is, “²⁰ Her hands reach out to the poor, and she extends her hands to the needy.” Most of us automatically think of money when we talk about generosity. While giving money is powerful, the Proverbs 31 woman gives us an example of generosity in action without telling us exactly how she was generous.

What are the various ways to be generous beyond just giving money?

Our focus scripture for today is 1 Timothy 6:17–19

“¹⁷ Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be arrogant or to set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy. ¹⁸ Instruct them to do what is good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share, ¹⁹ storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of what is truly life.”

It would be easy to say, “But I am not rich.” While that may be true financially compared to those around us in the United States, compared to most in the world, the majority of us are financially well off. Add to that all the other ways to be generous—our time, gifts, and relationships.

Paul tells his disciple Timothy that wealth can make us arrogant and be what gives us hope. Paul also tells Timothy that wealth is uncertain while reminding him to anchor his hope in God, who is a wealthy provider of things to enjoy. God is not stingy. His nature is to give. He wants His nature to impact and inspire us to be rich in good works, generous, and willing to share in every way God has provided for us. Being generous will change you.

Pause to ask God to show you how to be more consistently generous with your time, gifts, and finances daily to see lives transformed.

As an invitation to a spiritual practice—a way to say “yes, Lord,” we invite you to take a step of faith and be generous in a real way with your time, gifts, and finances...

Prepare to walk with God into the day before us, the Lord who loves us in:

Matthew 5:14–16 “¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

Father, help us discern where you are leading us as a church - making Your invitation clear.

Jesus, help us become worshipers, friends, apprentices, and guides who live as disciple-makers in all areas of our everyday.

Spirit, help us become a disciple-making hub, loving the lost and proclaiming Jesus in all we do and say so our communities will flourish.