More Than Followers

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	Philippians 2:1 MSG
	1 Corinthians 10:16 NIV
	Romans 15:26 NIV
	2 Corinthians 9:13 NLT
	Philippians 4:15 TLB – "Only you Philippians became my <u>partners in giving</u> and receiving. No other church did this."
	Hebrews 13:16 $^{\text{NLT}}$ – "Don't forget to do good and to <u>share with those in need.</u> These are the sacrifices that please God."
	2 Corinthians 8:4 $^{\text{ILB}}$ – "They begged us to take the money so they could <u>share in the joy of helping</u> the Christians in Jerusalem."
	1 Timothy 6:18 $^{\rm NLT}$ – "Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being <u>ready to share</u> with others."
<u>Th</u>	e Benefits of Generosity
1.	Generosity creates
	Matthew 6:21 NLT – "Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."
	Acts 4:32 $^{\text{NLT}}$ – "All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had."
2.	Generosity defeats
	Matthew 6:24 $^{\mbox{\scriptsize ILB}}$ – "You cannot serve two masters: God and money. For you will hate one and love the other"
3.	Generosity strengthens
	2 Corinthians 9:13 NLT – "Your generosity to them and to all believers will <u>prove</u> that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ."
	2 Corinthians 9:6 TLB – "Remember this – if you give little, you will get little. A farmer who plants just a few seeds will get only a small crop, but if he plants much, he will reap much."
	2 Corinthians 9:8 $^{\text{ILB}}$ – "God is able to make it up to you by giving you everything you need and more so that there will not only be enough for your own needs but plenty left over to give joyfully to others."
4.	Generosity invests in
	1 Timothy 6:17-19 TLB – "Tell those who are rich they should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven—it is the only safe investment for eternity!"
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	Generosity returns a
	Deuteronomy 15:10 $^{ m MSG}$ – "Give freely and spontaneously. Don't have a stingy heart. The way you handle matters like this <u>triagers God's blessing</u> in everything you do, all your work and ventures."
	Deuteronomy 15:10 $^{\text{NV}}$ – "Give generously and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to."
	 Luke 6:38 NLT – "Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full – pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."
	- Proverbs 3:9-10 NLT – "Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine."
	- Proverbs 11:25 ^{NLT} – "The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed."
	- Psalm 112:5 $^{\rm NLT}$ – "Good comes to those who lend money generously and conduct their business fairly."
5.	Generosity produces
	Acts 20:35 $^{\rm GNI}$ – "Remembering the words that the Lord Jesus himself said, 'There is more happiness in giving than in receiving."
7.	Generosity makes me
	John 1:16 MSG – "We all live off his generous bounty, gift after gift after gift."
	Psalm 37:21 NLT – "The godly are generous givers."
	Psalm 112:4 NLT – "The godly are generous, compassionate, and righteous."
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	Key Attitudes Toward Giving
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Chi	Corinthians 8:9 $^{\text{NLT}}$ – "You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus rist. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by poverty he could make you rich."
Ac [.] out	ts 15:11 MSG – "We are saved because the Master Jesus amazingly and of sheer generosity moved to save us…"
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