

Developing Radical Generosity January 28 & 29, 2023

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God's Top 3 Character Traits:

- Integrity
- Humility
- Generosity

There are over <u>8,000</u> verses of promises in the Bible.

Over 4,000 of these promises are about generosity and giving.

2 Reasons God Gave Promises about Radical Generosity:

1. To learn to trust Him in difficult times.

Psalm 119:50 (CEV)

When I am hurting, I find comfort in your promise that leads to life.

2. To make me more like <u>Jesus</u>.

John 1:16 (MSG)

We all live off his generous bounty, gift after gift after gift.

My Generosity Produces 9 Promises of God:



God promises good things will happen in my life.

Psalm 112:5 (TPT)

Life is good for the one who is generous and charitable, conducting affairs with honesty and truth.

Proverbs 22:9 (NCV)

Generous people will be blessed, because they share their food with the poor.



God promises my children and legacy will be blessed.

Psalm 37:26 (NIV)

They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be a blessing.

Remember this:

- <u>Transactional</u> giving Those who tithe and sometimes give an extra gift hoping it makes an immediate difference.
- <u>Transformational</u> giving Those who take their generosity and use it to change lives and leave a legacy of community transformation.



God promises to bless my work and business.

Proverbs 3:9 (LB)

Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines.

Proverbs 3:9 (NLT)

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce.

Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Deuteronomy 15:10 (NLT)

Give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the LORD your God will bless you in everything you do.



God promises to make my life happy.

Acts 20:35 (MSG)

"In everything I've done, I have demonstrated to you how necessary it is to work on behalf of the weak and not exploit them. You'll not likely go wrong here if you keep remembering that our Master said, 'You're far happier giving than getting.'"

2 Corinthians 9:7 (TPT)

Let giving flow from your heart, not from a sense of religious duty. Let it spring up freely from the joy of giving—all because God loves hilarious generosity!

God promises my influence will increase.

Proverbs 11:24 (MSG)

The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.

1 Kings 10:13 (NLT)

King Solomon gave the queen of Sheba whatever she asked for, besides all the customary gifts he had so generously given. Then she left...



God promises I will have more than enough.

Luke 6:38 (TPT)

"Give generously and generous gifts will be given back to you, shaken down to make room for more. Abundant gifts will pour out upon you with such an overflowing measure that it will run over the top! The measurement of your generosity becomes the measurement of your return."

Remember this:

- The <u>measure</u> at which I give to others is the measure by which God will give to me.
- I can give without loving, but I cannot love God without giving.

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Proverbs 19:17 (TPT)

Every time you give to the poor you make a loan to the Lord. Don't worry—you'll be repaid in full for all the good you've done.



God promises to meet all of my needs.

Philippians 4:17b, 19 (TPT)

... the fruit of your generosity may bring you an abundant reward...I am convinced that my God will fully satisfy every need you have, for I have seen the abundant riches of glory revealed to me through Jesus Christ!

Remember this:

- I get to decide the <u>amount</u> I give to God.
- Don't give until it <u>hurts</u>, give until it <u>feels good</u>.



God promises to multiply what I give no matter what it is.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (TPT)

This generous God who supplies abundant seed for the farmer, which becomes bread for our meals, is even more extravagant toward you. First he supplies every need, plus more. Then he multiplies the seed as you sow it, so that the harvest of your generosity will grow. You will be abundantly enriched in every way as you give generously on every occasion, for when we take your gifts to those in need, it causes many to give thanks to God.

Remember this:

· Whatever I need more of, give it to God.



God promises that my financial giving is being <u>stored</u> up in heaven.

1 Timothy 6:18-19a (LB)

Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and 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...

Luke 16:9 (TPT)

"Use the wealth of this world to demonstrate your friendship with God by winning friends and blessing others. Then, when it runs out, your generosity will provide you with an eternal reward."

John 3:16 (NLT)

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."



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