



Radical Generosity February 20-21, 2021

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If I want to be radically blessed, I must manifest these 3 qualities in a radical way:

- Integrity
- Humility
- Generosity

There are over **7000** promises in the Bible, and the majority of these promises are connected to generosity.

I can give without loving, but I cannot love without giving.

In the Bible...

The word believe is used **272** times.

The word pray is used **371** times.

The word love is used **714** times.

The word give is used **2152** times.

Why? Because God is the ultimate giver.

Radical benefits when I'm radically generous.

1 I'm truly honoring God with my faithful generosity.

2 Corinthians 9:13 (NLT)

As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.

Proverbs 14:31 (ESV)

Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

2 I'm growing closer to God in a deeply personal way.

Deuteronomy 14:23b (LB)

...The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.

Matthew 6:21 (NIV)

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

3 I'm becoming more like Jesus when I become more and more generous.

Revelation 3:17 NLT

"You say, I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need anything! And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked."

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Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give!

4 I'm destroying the temptation of materialism with every single act of generosity.

Matthew 6:24 (ICB)

"No one can be a slave to two masters. He will hate one master and love the other. Or he will follow one master and refuse to follow the other. So you cannot serve God and money at the same time."

My net worth does not determine my self-worth.

1 Timothy 6:17-18 (NLT)

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others.

5 I'm building a strong faith when I'm generous with my time, talent and treasure.

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Moreover, your very giving proves the reality of your faith, and that means that men thank God that you practice the Gospel that you profess to believe in, as well as for the actual gifts you make to them and to others.

Philemon 1:6 (NLT)

And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ.

6 I'm revealing my character when I'm stingy or when I'm generous.

Luke 16:11-12 (ICB)

If you cannot be trusted with worldly riches, then you will not be trusted with the true riches. And if you cannot be trusted with the things that belong to someone else, then you will not be given things of your own.

7 I'm preparing my life for God's blessing when I'm sincerely generous.

Proverbs 22:9 (NCV)

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

Deuteronomy 15:10-11 (GNT)

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8 I'm increasing my capacity for happiness with each act of generosity.

Acts 20:35 (TEV)

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9 I'm expanding my influence with every single generous step I take.

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