"What Happens When I Give?"
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Thrive - Part 8
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Generosity is <u>love in action</u>.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV)

1. Generosity <u>changes my relationship</u> with God.

Generosity <u>honors God</u>.

"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." 2 Corinthians 9:13 (NLT)

Generosity <u>draws me closer</u> to God.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21 (NIV)

Generosity makes me <u>more like Jesus</u>.

"Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give!" Proverbs 21:26 (NLT)

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him." Psalm 24:1 (NLT)

2. Generosity <u>changes my heart</u>.

It breaks the <u>grip of materialism</u>.

"You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35 (NLT)

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share." 1 Timothy 6:17-18 (NIV)

Generosity <u>demonstrates my faith</u>.

"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." Philemon 1:6 (NLT)

Generosity reveals <u>what's really in my heart</u>.

"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" Luke 16:11 (NIV)

3. Generosity changes the <u>lives around me</u>.

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." Proverbs 22:9 (NIV)

"Give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the Lord your God will bless you in everything you do." Deuteronomy 15:10 (NLT)

"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." Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

Generosity increases <u>our joy</u>.

"The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly." 1 Chronicles 29:9 (NIV)

Generosity expands <u>our influence</u>.

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller." Proverbs 11:24 (Mes)

4. Generosity changes <u>eternity</u>.

"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." 2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)

"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." 1 Timothy 6:19 (NIV)