

## **Generosity**

*Freedom from smallness of heart*

### **Part 3: “The Generous Woman”**

*Sharing our treasure*

Definition: **GENEROSITY** is freedom from smallness of heart

Series theme: **GENEROSITY** lies at the heart of everything good God wants to do in us and in his kingdom.

*Luke 21:1-4*

*As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. “I tell you the truth,” he said, “this poor woman has put in more than all the others, All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”*

#### **I. Our treasure is precious**

- Money is necessary
- Money is powerful

#### **II. Everyone has treasure**

- Some share from abundance
- Some share from scarcity

#### **III. Generosity is an investment**

*2 Corinthians 9:6-*

***Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver...***

***(vs. 11) You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.***

***This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service with which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!***

- God loves generosity
- Generosity begins in the heart
- Generosity always produces blessing