# HABIT OF GENEROSITY Accelerating Your Spiritual Growth

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**MEMORY VERSE**: "But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving." **2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)** 

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

## **HOW TO DEVELOP THE HABIT OF GENEROSITY**

1.	JUST	GET	

"Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made."

1 Corinthians 16:1-2 (NIV)

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." **Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)** 

2.	MOVE	QUICKLY	TO	

"Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, How are we robbing you? In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. 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 3:8–10 (NIV)

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." **Proverbs 3:9–10 (NIV)** 

### 3. STEP UP TO LIVING

"Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Mark 12:41–44 (NIV)

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." **2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)** 

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." **2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)** 



"Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you." **Psalm 37:5 (NLT)** 

LET US ALSO EXCEL IN THIS GRACE OF	

# **MY NEXT STEPS TODAY:**

- I will memorize 2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)
- > I will give for the first time
- ➤ I will take the 4-Month Tithe Challenge
- ➤ I will automate my giving
- ➤ I will give God a gift (offering)
- > I will sign up for membership class
- ➤ I will accept Christ for the first time
- > I will join the New Life church family
- > I will sign up for the online Budgeting class

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	9:00pm	

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