

The Miracle: Radical Generosity

Radicalis: Developing Spiritual Roots - Part 7

Proverbs 11:24 (MSG) “The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.”

2 Corinthians 8-9

Radical generosity is an ATTITUDE not an AMOUNT.

2 Corinthians 8:12 (TLB) “If you are really eager to give, it isn't important how much you're able to give. God wants you to give what you have, not what you don't have.”

A Model Of 4 Attitudes



RADICAL GENEROSITY IS ENJOYABLE

2 Corinthians 8:1-2 (TEV) “We want you to know what God's grace has accomplished in the churches in Macedonia. They have been severely tested by the troubles they went through; but their joy was so great they were extremely generous in their giving, even though they are desperately poor.”



RADICAL GENEROSITY IS SUPERNATURAL

2 Corinthians 8:3 (NIV) “For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.”



RADICAL GENEROSITY IS ENTHUSIASTIC

2 Corinthians 8:3b-4 (TEV) “Of their own free will they begged us and pleaded for the privilege of having a part in helping God's people in Judea.”

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NLT) “Never give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully.”



RADICAL GENEROSITY IS A SPRITUAL HABIT

2 Corinthians 8:5 (NCV) “They gave in a way we did not expect: They first gave themselves to the Lord and then to us. This is what God wants.”

2 Corinthians 8:19 (NLT) “... your offering... is service that glorifies the Lord and shows our eagerness to help.”

THE RESULTS OF RADICAL GENEROSITY

1. IT INCREASES MY LOVE FOR JESUS.

2 Corinthians 8:7-8 (NIV) “Just as you excel in everything else—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in the grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.”

Matthew 6:21 (NCV) “Your heart will be where your treasure is.”

2. IT MAKES ME MORE LIKE JESUS.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (MSG) “You are familiar with the generosity of our Master, Jesus Christ. Rich as he was, he gave it all away for us—in one stroke he became poor and we became rich.”

3. IT DEEPENS MY FAITH.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NIV) “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously... for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NLT/GW) “God supplies seed to the farmer, then bread to eat. In the same way, God will give you seed and multiply it. In your lives he will increase the things you do that have his approval. You will be enriched so that you can be even more generous.”

4. IT CAUSES OTHERS TO THANK GOD.

2 Corinthians 9:11b-12 (NLT). And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.

5. IT HONORS GOD AS A WITNESS TO THE WORLD.

2 Corinthians 9:13 (GW) “You will glorify God through this genuine act of service because of your commitment to spread the Good News of Christ and because of your generosity...”