



Gift of Generosity

Sunday, December 21, 2014

Dave Michel

Stepping Stones Community Church

Introduction:

- Season of giving
- Generous Wise men

Everything good comes from God. Every perfect gift is from him. These good gifts come down from the Father who made all the lights in the sky. But God never changes like the shadows from those lights. He is always the same.

James 1:17 ERV

Giving Generously

They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11 NLT

1. It's _____ to be generous

You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35 NLT

2. Generosity has its _____

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25 NLT

Remember this - a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others... For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8, 10, 11 NLT

3. Our generosity should be _____ at times

He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

Ephesians 1:7-8 NLT

Next Steps:

- Commit to adding to the 100,000 Gifts by giving generously
- Give in an extravagant way this Christmas
- Read Matthew 2 (Story of the Wise Men)
- Invite a friend / family member to Christmas Eve service
- _____