



When You Stop Holding Back

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

1. Generosity isn't about what you have or don't have... it's about your heart

¹⁸ Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. ¹⁹ And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"'
Luke 12:18-19 NLT

2. If you want to be generous when you have more, learn to be generous when you have less

3. Two qualities of generous people

- Generous people plan to be generous
- Generous people always round up

But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity. **Isaiah 32:8** NLT

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.
Matthew 6:33 NLT

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!"
Malachi 3:10 NLT

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."
2 Corinthians 9:7 NLT

4. Give God your first and best and trust him to bless the rest

Next Steps:

- I will develop a giving plan so that I can be more generous
- I am pre-deciding today to give to God first and trust that he will provide for my needs: _____
- I am pre-deciding to increase my giving and generosity: _____
- Pre-decide today to attend the rest of this series
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