



FOUNDATIONS

WE ARE BUILT ON HIS NAME

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed,
“**The Lord, the Lord**, a God merciful and
gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in
steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping
steadfast love for thousands, forgiving
iniquity and transgression and sin, but who
will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the
iniquity of the fathers on the children and
the children's children, to the third and the
fourth generation.” - **Exodus 34:6-7**

Generosity

WHAT IT IS NOT...

- A Transaction - "Give-To-Get"
- Just About Money
- Abundance, Compulsion, or What's "Left-Over"

WHAT IT IS...

- Worship, Benevolence, & Hospitality
- Cheerful Giving
- Stewardship & Sacrificial

Biblical Generosity

Abraham to Melchizedek: After a battle, Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils to Melchizedek, demonstrating gratitude to God. (Genesis 14)

Joseph to His Brothers: After they betrayed him, Joseph gave his brothers food & the best land in Egypt. (Genesis 42-45)

Tabernacle Offerings: The Israelites were so generous with materials for the Tabernacle - Moses had to ask them to stop. (Exodus 35-36)

Boaz and Ruth: Boaz went above & beyond Ruth – Eventually taking her as his bride (Ruth 2-4)

A Boy's Lunch: Feeding of the 5000 – 5 loaves & 2 Fishes (John 6:5-13)

Widow's Offering: Quietly gave two coins (Mark 12:41-44)

Zacchaeus: When Zacchaeus met Jesus – He repented, gave half to the poor, & gave back 400% to anyone he cheated. (Luke 19:1-10)

Joseph of Arimathea: The Tomb for Jesus (Matthew 27:57-60)

Macedonian Church: They were “small & poor” but were overwhelmingly generous to help for the need. (2 Corinthians 8:2-5)

Then he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will return. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the Name of the Lord." - Job 1:21

Everything is from God – We simply steward the life, talents, & relationships He gave us.

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. – Matthew 6:33

Everything is for God – It is for His Glory & His Kingdom that we are generous.

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. - Matthew 6:19-21

Treasure is Shown Through Your Heart –
Which “Kingdom” are you more concerned with?

God's Kingdom Agenda:

- *Because God is merciful, we give compassion freely.*
- *Because God is gracious, we give even when it's undeserved.*
- *Because God is slow to anger, we give patience instead of frustration.*
- *Because God abounds in steadfast love, we give of ourselves and our resources.*

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' – Acts 20:35

He Gave to Us:

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down His life for His friends. –

John 15:13

We Give to Others:

We love because He first loved us. – 1

John 4:19

*Each one must give as he has decided
in his heart, not reluctantly or under
compulsion, for God loves a cheerful
giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Generosity is
Knowing God's Love
Experiencing God's Love
Sharing God's Love