

Exodus (The Way Out)

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“Generous Hearts & Hands” Exodus 34-36

Generosity isn't something that God wants FROM US, but something he wants FOR US. He wants us to be so consumed with His Glory that we move instinctively in gratitude with Generous Hearts and Hands to a world of need around us. A heart that truly understands the gospel overflows with gratitude and generosity. If you don't feel that way, then you probably don't truly understand the Gospel.

Exodus 35:4-5, 10, 21-22, 29; 36:2-7

The MOTIVE for our Generosity

- NOT fear and/or pride but Love. 1John4:19; 2Cor5:14-15
- Because God is Gracious (Ex34:1-9), Jealous (vv10-28), and Glorious (vv29-35)! Ex34 Renewing the Covenant

The MEASURE of our Generosity

- If we think God needs us to save the world not only will we take some of the glory but end up living a guilt driven and burned-out life rather than a grace driven and vibrant life. Isa42:8; Ps50:12
- We are not called to be co-messiah's but conduits of His Grace: He leads; we follow. He commands; we obey. He supplies; we steward. He delivers; we worship. Phil4:13, 19
- Generosity is not about what we can do for God in the world; it's about consistently, willingly, joyfully, sacrificially, and expectantly doing what God's Spirit leads us to do. 1Cor16:2; 2Cor8:3-4, 9:6-8
- If you're feeling burned out it's because you are either trying to do more than He has assigned you or you're trying to do what He has assigned you in your own strength. Matt11:28-30
- You don't need to feel guilty over what you're not doing if you're doing what God has assigned you to do. Don't compare sacrifices but obey your assignment. 1Cor4:2; John 21:20-22

- God is an infinite supply of provision. Don't insult Him by refusing to enjoy His blessings (i.e. food, homes and vacations) because you think you are robbing the world of needed provision. 1Tim6:17

The METHOD of our Generosity

This applies to the giving of your time, talents and treasure.

- True Wealth Pro15:16-17
- Self-control Pro25:28
- Planning Pro21:5
- Accounting Pro17:23-24
- Generosity Pro3:9-10

Growing Notes

- 1) Generosity isn't something that God wants FROM US, but something he wants FOR US. Explain. Why do you think a heart that truly understands the gospel overflows with gratitude and generosity? If you don't feel that way, then you probably don't truly understand the Gospel. Explain.
- 2) Read Exodus 35:4-5, 10, 21-22, 29; 36:2-7. What stands out to you? What repeated words or ideas do you see in this text? What is the LORD commanding the people in verses 4-5, 10? Why do you think gratitude and generosity is the normal response to the renewed covenant by God (Ex34)?
- 3) What shouldn't and should be the motive for our generosity? Fear and pride can restrain the heart but only love can transform the heart. Explain. How is fear and pride self-centered and love other-centered?
- 4) Review the points under The Measure of our Generosity along with Bible verses. Have you ever felt overwhelmed by all the needs in this world and no matter what you gave, there was always more that was needed? Which statement(s) in this section were most helpful to you for identifying God's specific assignment for you when it comes to giving of your time, talents and treasure?
- 5) Review the points under The Method of our Generosity along with Bible verses. Why do you think this is a great check list for being a good steward of our time, talent and treasure? Is your life marked by gratitude and generosity because of the Gospel? Explain. What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.