First Baptist Church of Hopewell

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LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY OF GENEROSITY

"We will not hide these truths from our children, but will teach the next generation…" (Psalm 78:4 NLT).

"Three things continue forever: faith, hope, and love. And the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13 NCV).

WHY MUST WE MODEL AND TEACH GENEROSITY?

1. **Generosity Displays the Character of God**
   "We all live off God's generous bounty, gift after gift after gift" (John 1:16 MSG).

   "Everything we have has come from You, Lord, and we can only give You what is Yours already" (1 Chronicles 29:14 LB).

   "You will be glorifying God through your generous gifts" (2 Corinthians 9:13 NLT).

2. **Generosity Defeats Materialism**
   "You cannot serve both God and money" (Matthew 6:24 NIV).

3. **Generosity Draws Me Closer to God**
   "Your heart will be wherever your treasure is" (Matthew 6:21 NCV).

4. **Generosity Develops My Love**
   "What you are doing (showing generosity) is much more than a service that supplies God's people with what they need. It is something that will make many others thank God" (2 Corinthians 9:12 CEV).

   "If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it, but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love? It disappears. And you made it disappear" (1 John 3:17 MSG).

5. **Generosity Determines My Blessing**
   "If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure… and running over. Whatever you use in giving will be used to measure what is given back to you" (Luke 6:38 NLT).

6. **Generosity Deepens My Joy**
   "Remember the words that the Lord Jesus Himself said: 'There is more happiness in giving that in receiving'" (Acts 20:35 TEV).

7. **Generosity Demonstrates My Faith**
   "Your giving proves the reality of your faith…" (2 Corinthians 9:13 Ph).

   "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, 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 9:6-8 NIV).

8. **Generosity Is a Deposit in Eternity**
   "Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven…" (Matthew 6:20 NIV).

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"Tell those who are rich not to be proud and not to trust in the money, which will soon be gone…Tell them to use their money to do good. They should give happily to those in need, always ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven -- it is the only safe investment for eternity" (1 Timothy 6:17-19 LB).

"If you are untrustworthy about wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?" (Luke 16:11 NLT).