



Key Scripture:

Proverbs 11:25 NLT

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

Leading with generosity...

1 Timothy 6:6-10 Message

6 A devout life does bring wealth, but it's the rich simplicity of being yourself before God.

7 Since we entered the world penniless and will leave it penniless,

8 if we have bread on the table and shoes on our feet, that's enough.

9 But if it's only money these leaders are after, they'll self-destruct in no time.

10 Lust for money brings trouble and nothing but trouble. Going down that path, some lose their footing in the faith completely and live to regret it bitterly ever after.

Going down the wrong path about money...

✓ **"Money is evil."**

1 Timothy 6:10 NKJV

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

✓ **"Money is the key to all happiness."**

Ecclesiastes 5:10 NLT

Those who love money will never have enough.

How meaningless to think that wealth brings true happiness!

✓ **"Money is the measure of a person's worth."**

Mark 8:36-37 NLT

36 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?

37 Is anything worth more than your soul?

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Pathway to Generosity

God's Pathway to Generosity...

1. Give the **first** and the **best** to God.

Proverbs 3:9-10 Message

9 Honor God with everything you own; give Him the first and the best.

10 Your barns will burst, your wine vats will brim over.

2. Give **consistently** and systematically.

1 Corinthians 16:2 Message

Every Sunday each of you make an offering and put it in safekeeping. Be as generous as you can. When I get there you'll have it ready, and I won't have to make a special appeal.

3. Give in **proportion** to your income.

1 Corinthians 16:2 TLB

The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn.

1 Corinthians 16:2 Message

Be as generous as you can.

4. Give **sacrificially** when a good opportunity arises.

2 Corinthians 8:1-5 NLT

1 Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in His kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. 2 They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in

rich generosity. 3 For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. 4 They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem.

5. Give **yourself** first unto the Lord.

2 Corinthians 8:5 CEV

And they did more than we had hoped.

They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us, just as God wanted them to do.

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