

Key Scripture:

Proverbs 11:25 NLT

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

Never too late to be generous...

Mark 6:35-44 NIV

35 By this time it was late in the day, so His disciples came to Him.

"This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late.

36 Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

37 But He answered, "*You give them something to eat.*"

They said to Him, "That would take *eight months of a man's wages!*

Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

38 "*How many loaves do you have?*" He asked. "*Go and see.*"

When they found out, they said, "Five — and two fish."

39 Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass.

40 So they sat down in *groups of hundreds and fifties.* 41 Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, *He gave thanks and broke the loaves.*

Then He gave them to His disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. 42 *They all ate and were satisfied,*

43 and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.

44 The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Excuse Me...

✓ *It's too **far**...*

Mark 6:35 Message

We are a long way out in the country...

✓ *It's too **late**...*

Mark 6:35 KJV

the time is far passed

✓ *It's too **much**...*

Mark 6:37 NIV

"That would take eight months of a person's pay!

Should we go and spend that much on bread? Are we supposed to feed them?"

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GENEROUS

Never Too Late

Principals to Miraculous Generosity...

1. Generosity comes from **your** heart.

Mark 6:37 NIV

But He answered, "*You give them something to eat.*"

They said to Him, "That would take *eight months of a man's wages!*

God doesn't ask anything of you...that He hasn't already given.

2. Take an **inventory** to give generously.

Mark 6:38 Message

"How many loaves of bread do you have? Take an inventory."

3. **Organization** makes it easier is to give.

Mark 6:39-40 NASU

39 And He commanded them all to sit down by groups on the green grass.

40 They sat down in *groups of hundreds and of fifties.*

4. Give **thanks** to God for what you have.

Mark 6:41 NIV

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven,

He gave thanks and broke the loaves.

5. God will keep giving to those in His **distribution** chain.

Mark 6:41b NLT

...Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, *He kept giving the bread to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. He also divided the fish for everyone to share.*

6. Be **resourceful** with all God has given you.

Mark 6:42-43 NLT

42 They all ate as much as they wanted,

43 and afterward, *the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish.*

7. **Expectations** of miracles start with LORD is our Provider

Mark 6:51-52 NLT

51 ...They were totally amazed, 52 for *they still didn't understand the significance of the miracle of the loaves. Their hearts were too hard to take it in.*

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