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“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, because he said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” (Acts 20:35, CSB).

1. A generous heart creates COMMUNITY.

Paul tells us, *“For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God”* (2 Corinthians 9:12, CSB).

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21, CSB).

2. A generous heart defeats MATERIALISM.

3. A generous heart is an investment FOR ETERNITY.

“Don’t store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven” (Matthew 6:19-20, CSB).

*“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to **give his life** as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:20, CSB).*

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“Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be arrogant or to set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do what is good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share, storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of what is truly life” (1 Timothy 6:17-19, CSB).

“Give to him, and don’t have a stingy heart when you give, and because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you do” (Deuteronomy 15:10, CSB).