



SERMON NOTES

Live to Give

The Generosity Paradox

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Proverbs 11:24 (MSG)

The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.

PARADOX:: *a statement or proposition that seems self-contradictory or absurd but in reality expresses a truth.*

Generosity is the virtue of giving freely and abundantly of yourself and your possessions in service of others.

THE GENEROSITY OF JESUS

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NLT)

9 You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.

WATER TO WINE

John 2:6 (NLT)

6 Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing. Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons.

Do you need to make a TURN for the better in your life? How could a life of generosity turn things around for you?

FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND

Mark 6:41-44 (NKJV)

41 And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all. 42 So they all ate and were filled. 43 And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish. 44 Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men.

How has the Lord multiplied His blessings in your life? What baskets of blessings has He filled for you?

THE MIRACLE OF FISH

Luke 5:4-7 (NKJV)

4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." 6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. 7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

Peter loaned Jesus his boat; in return, Jesus filled it with fish. What have you given to the Lord only to have Him fill it up and load it down for you?