



## Sermon Notes: A Generous Life

1. The Mandate of Generosity.

2. The Mindset of Generosity.

3. The Metaphor of Generosity.

4. The Motivation of Generosity.

a. God motivates us with the promise of a greater reward.

b. God motivates us with the gospel itself.

5. The Model of Generosity.

6. The Mission of Generosity.



## Gospel Applications: A Generous Life

### Discuss.

1. Answer the following questions privately on your own simply to prompt some thinking about your existing patterns of generosity:

- What is your monthly income x 12? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is 25% of that number? \_\_\_\_\_ What is 10%? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is your monthly donation to your church x 12? \_\_\_\_\_
- What % of your monthly income goes to your church? \_\_\_\_\_
- What % of your income do you intentionally give to all Gospel causes combined (e.g. church, missions, charities, needs)? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What do you observe from this simple exercise? Are you more or less generous than you thought? What else stood out to you?

3. What are some attitudes you tend to feel toward money? What are some attitudes you tend to feel toward giving money away for the Lord's work?

4. What are some things you give to almost effortlessly – even cheerfully? What makes giving to some things so easy, and other things so hard?

5. How does the metaphor of sowing and reaping change the way you view generosity? What are some fruits you might potentially reap by giving?

6. What holds you back from giving more generously and sacrificially to the Lord, His work, and His people? What are some biblical solutions?

7. Practically, what would it look like for you to be motivated by the radical generosity of Christ's love toward you? What are some other biblical motivations for consuming less and giving away more?

8. What one thing will you change immediately in response to God's Word? What are some other things you will seek to change over a period of time?