



The Generous Eye

Warm-up

Have you ever received a gift from someone that you will always remember? If so, what was it?

The Word

Proverbs 22:9 says, “He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives his bread to the poor.”

In our discussion we are going to discuss how giving to the Lord produces a blessed life.

- What types of people, situations, or causes do you tend to be most generous in giving towards? Why do these things catch your eye and touch your heart?

We are going to look at two attitudes that keep us from having a “generous eye” toward giving.

- 1) **Pride** is often a wrong attitude towards the blessing of God. Pride is forgetting that every good and perfect gift comes from God.

Read Revelation 3:17

- How have you struggled with pride when it comes to God’s blessings in your life? How have you been able to overcome that pride?
- 2) **Shame** is an attitude that keeps us from being generous because we do not feel worthy to receive blessings.

Read Genesis 32:9-10

Now that we have seen what can keep us from giving, we are going to look at three types of givers we see in the Bible.

Read Luke 10:35. This verse describes the Spontaneous Giver.

- Describe a time when you gave spontaneously. What blessings did you experience and what did you learn from your act of spontaneous giving?

Read Isaiah 32:8. This verse describes a Strategic Giver.

- Describe your plans for giving and how well you are currently carrying out your plans. If you do not have a plan, what do you think a plan of giving should look like in your life?

Read Mark 12:41-44. These verses describe a Sacrificial Giver.

Living and giving sacrificially is all about recognizing that what we have in this world is not simply for us, but it's all for God.

- Why is giving sacrificially so difficult for most people? What are some specific things you can do to start being a more sacrificial giver not just of your money, but of your resources and time as well?
- Describe someone you know that gives to the degree that the woman Jesus saw gave. How do those who give that sacrificially challenge you?

Become a giver this week by sharpening your generous eye. Ask someone who you know that's generous or just ask God to direct you in prayer. Try getting your friends and family involved too.

Prayer

Ask God to instill within you a more generous heart towards others.