

## **Builders of Hope - Part 3** **The Joy of Spending-Generosity**

*References: Prov 22:9 ; Isaiah 32:8;  
Prov 18:21; Gal 6:7-9*

*KEYPOINT: How can we live a big and generous life as God intended for us to do?*

**"We cannot out - give God" is a commonly used phrase amongst Christians..but what does this mean to you?**

Briefly share with the group your experiences of God demonstrating His generosity in your life.

### **DISCUSSION POINT**

What does it mean to live a generously and manage your life with spending and generosity in mind?  
Paul de Jong states :

*"You can't harvest a great marriage without sowing honor to your spouse.*

*You can't harvest victory with seeds of despondency.*

*You can't harvest unity after sowing seeds of discord.*

*You can't harvest lasting success with seeds of compromise.*

*You can't harvest financial breakthrough without financial seeds.*

*Why? –because seeds produce after their own kind." God, Money and Me; Chapter 28*

### **1. Generosity is a way of Seeing**

"He who has a generous eye will be blessed, For he gives of his bread to the poor.

(Proverbs 22:9 NKJV)." What do you see as a need that should be met in our community?

### **2. Generosity is a way of Thinking. Read and discuss:**

"But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity."

(Isaiah 32:8 NLT)

### **3. Generosity is a way of Speaking..:**

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

(Proverbs 18:21 NKJV)

**Reflect:** What is more likely to come out of our mouth...Praise or Criticism? How can we change?

### **4.. Generosity is a way of acting. Discuss:**

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.  
(Galatians 6:7, 9, 10 NKJV).

Consider how the priorities of the Kingdom of God, Marriage, Family, Personal Health/ Diet and recreation should influence your Spending?

### **For further personal reflection:**

How do you think God may be asking you to be more generous in your life, and to spend your resources wisely?

**"For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away."**

Matthew 25:14-29 NASB. <http://bible.com/100/mat.25.14-29.nasb>