

GREATER GENEROSITY

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Three stories of greater generosity:

I. THE WIDOW AT ZAREPHATH

1 Kings 17:7-16

A. The _____ test: Will I put God _____?

Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Malachi 3:10-11 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

B. Generosity expresses faith in God's power to _____.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Q: Does your generosity reflect a faith in a God who promises to _____?

II. DAVID AND THE THRESHING FLOOR

1 Chronicles 21:1-24

A. The _____ test: Will I honor God's _____?

B. The _____ test: Do I give God my _____?

C. Generosity exposes the condition of our _____.

Luke 12:34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Q: How would you describe _____ condition based on your generosity?

III. THE WIDOW'S MITE

Luke 21:1-4

Luke 21:1-4 As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. 2 He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. 3 "I tell you the truth," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. 4 All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.

A. The _____ test: Will I give from the _____?

Luke 12:48 (NAS) And from everyone who has been given much shall much be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

B. Generosity elevates ability over _____.

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Q: Does your _____ (generosity) reflect your _____? (Proportional)

IV. SUMMARY:

A. Generosity expresses faith in God's power to _____.

B. Generosity exposes the condition of our _____.

C. Generosity elevates ability over _____.

Q: Which type of _____ do you want to be? ;-)