



Having a heart like Jesus
A LIFE OF GENEROSITY

Generous (adjective)

- ✓ Liberal in giving or sharing; unselfish
- ✓ Free from meanness or smallness of mind
- ✓ Magnanimous: very kind or forgiving
- ✓ Rich or strong in favor

**For God so loved the world that He gave
His only begotten Son, that whoever
believes in Him should not perish but
have everlasting life.**

John 3:16, NKJV

“Six Facts About A Generous Heart”

1) We are not born with a generous heart.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and
renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10

The Rich Man Flunked the Generous Heart Test

21 Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

22 But when the young man heard this, he went away very sad, for he had many possessions.

Matthew 19:21-22 (NLT)

2) Sowing gives God an opportunity to prove what He will do when we trust Him.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

Ephesians 3:20, NKJV

“The soil says, 'Don't bring
me your need, bring me
your seed.”

-- Jim Rohn

3) Anything we give to Him, He has first given to us.

6 But we are all like an unclean thing,
And all our righteousness are like filthy rags;
We all fade as a leaf,
And our iniquities, like the wind,
Have taken us away.

8 But now, O Lord,
You are our Father;
We are the clay, and You our potter;
And all we are the work of Your hand.

Isaiah 64:6, 8, NKJV

4) **Giving is not contribution (donation), but an investment (an expected a benefit).**

And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God:

Deuteronomy 28:2, NKJV

“The Lord will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God is giving you.”

Deuteronomy 28:8, NKJV

5) God loves a cheerful giver

The cheerfulness often comes
during and after the act of
obedience, not before it.
So don't wait until you feel like
giving, it could be a long wait!

God is able to make it up to you by giving you everything you need and more so that there will not only be enough for your own needs but plenty left over to give joyfully to others.

2 Corinthians 9:8, TLB

6) All giving constitutes a challenge of our faith.

A faithful man will abound with blessings,
But he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

Proverb 28:20, NKJV

“The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to something that gives you purpose and meaning”.

Mitch Albom

13 Greater love has no one than this,
that he lay down his life for his
friends.

14 You are my friends if you do what I
command.

John 15:13-14, NIV