

## **Generous City**

### **Part 1 - Living In Generosity**

**Generosity is a 'habitation'.**

#### **Proverbs 11:25**

Be generous, and you will be prosperous. Help others, and you will be helped.

#### **Proverbs 22:9 (GNT)**

Be generous and share your food with the poor. You will be blessed for it.

**Generosity as a 'habitation' should motivate our occupation.**

#### **Acts 20:35 (NLT)**

“I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

#### **1 Timothy 6:17-19 (GNT)**

Command those who are rich in the things of this life not to be proud, but to place their hope, not in such an uncertain thing as riches, but in God, who generously gives us everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share with others. 19 In this way they will store up for themselves a treasure which will be a solid foundation for the future. And then they will be able to win the life which is true life.

#### **Proverbs 11:24 (NET)**

One person is generous and yet grows more wealthy, but another withholds more than he should and comes to poverty.

**Generosity begins with vision.**

#### **Proverbs 22:9 (NKJV)**

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

#### **Proverbs 28:27 (NLT)**

Whoever gives to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to poverty will be cursed.

#### **Proverbs 21:13**

If you refuse to listen to the cry of the poor, your own cry for help will not be heard.

**Generosity is only possible when we practice responsibility.**

#### **Leviticus 27:30 (NET)**

“Any tithe of the land, from the grain of the land or from the fruit of the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.”

**Malachi 3:8-12 (CEV)**

You people are robbing me, your God. And, here you are, asking, "How are we robbing you?" You are robbing me of the offerings and of the ten percent that belongs to me. 9 That's why your whole nation is under a curse. 10 I am the LORD All-Powerful, and I challenge you to put me to the test. Bring the entire ten percent into the storehouse, so there will be food in my house. Then I will open the windows of heaven and flood you with blessing after blessing. 11 I will also stop locusts from destroying your crops and keeping your vineyards from producing. 12 Everyone of every nation will talk about how I have blessed you and about your wonderful land. I, the LORD All-Powerful, have spoken!

**God will help us make generosity our home.**

**2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT)**

God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

**Proverbs 19:17 (ESV)**

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.

**We are never more like God than when we live in generosity.**

**Psalms 145:16 (NIV)**

You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.