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## A Generous Life: The Beauty of Giving

### Generosity the Right Way

Luke 14:12–14 (HCSB)

*He also said to the one who had invited Him, “When you give a lunch or a dinner, don’t invite your friends, your brothers, your relatives, or your rich neighbors, because they might invite you back, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> On the contrary, when you host a banquet, invite those who are poor, maimed, lame, or blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”*

Matthew 6:1–4 (HCSB)

*“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of people, to be seen by them. Otherwise, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup> So whenever you give to the poor, don’t sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be applauded by people. I assure you: They’ve got their reward! <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the poor, don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

### 1. GIVE WITHOUT \_\_\_\_\_ ANYTHING IN RETURN v Luke 14:12

R.G. LeTourneau used to say, “If we give only because it pays, it won’t pay.”

- Learn to give \_\_\_\_\_.

- Discover the value of generosity outside your circle.

### 2. DISCOVER THE BLESSING OF GIVING WITH THE RIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ vv Luke 14:13-14

- Be careful of giving for the wrong \_\_\_\_\_.
- Learn the joy of generosity toward those that need it.
- Enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ of generosity.

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ GENEROSITY WITHOUT HYPOCRISY vv Matthew 6:1-2

- Genuine generosity does not seek \_\_\_\_\_.
- Avoid the traps of hypocritical giving.
- If you desire the praises of \_\_\_\_\_ in being generous, that may be all that you get.

### 4. \_\_\_\_\_ THE TRAP OF GENEROSITY’S EARTHLY REWARD AND RECEIVE GOD’S ETERNAL REWARD vv Matthew 6:3-4

- Give to be \_\_\_\_\_ by God, not seen by men.
- When you seek the reward of men, you miss the reward of God.

### The Next Step:

Give with the right motive to bring the eternal blessing of God.