



# GENEROUS

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Part 4 – Intentional Generosity

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(2 Corinthians 9:11) You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

What is my \_\_\_\_\_ for generosity?

✓ I will intentionally share my \_\_\_\_\_.

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Com-pas-sion: <sup>n</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the misfortune of another accompanied with the \_\_\_\_\_ to relieve it.

1. See life through the \_\_\_\_\_.

(Matthew 6:19-24) Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

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3. Experience \_\_\_\_\_ for myself.

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What is my plan for generosity?

✓ I will intentionally share my resources.

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✓ I will intentionally share my time.

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✓ I will intentionally share Christ.

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