



**What Is Generosity?
Part Two
Ecclesiastes 5 & 6
March 9th, 2014**

Question to the Clements Baptist Church Family:

- Can you honestly say that you *like to give*?

When we choose to give, we change, and the people around us change. When we move from awareness to action, miracles happen.

Generosity, when it flows naturally from the heart of a church and community is contagious. It has an undeniable effect on people who come into contact with it.

A.W. Tozer:

"Whatever is given to Christ is immediately touched with immortality."

Pastor Tim:

"I am convinced that the greatest deterrent to giving is the illusion that earth is our home."

A Working Definition of Generosity

Generosity is at its core a lifestyle, a lifestyle in which we share all that we have, are, and ever will become as a demonstration of God's love and a response to God's grace.

Pastor Tim:

"Before we can be generous, we must understand what it means to be a steward, recognizing that what we have is not ours to own and confessing that Jesus is Lord over our money, possessions, positions of authority, and talents. You can't be generous without the discipline of biblical stewardship, and biblical stewardship demands generosity."

Four Words That I Desire To Define My Life:

1. Lordship
2. Relationships
3. Discipleship
4. Stewardship

Pastor Tim:

"No one will ever become a generous person until God transforms his heart because at the core of every human being is selfishness."

Jon Bloom:

"The state of your soul depends on what occupies your mind. If your self is occupying your mind, forget peace, and contentment. You don't find those in a vacuum of needs and sinful cravings. And forget loving others. A self-preoccupied soul might like the idea of being viewed by others as loving but ends up finding others obstacles that plugs up its craving vacuum."

Pastor Tim:

"Generous people are happy people. I feel that I enjoy life more because I am living my life for Jesus and I find it a joy to serve the body of Christ. That's why I go overseas and why I also go across the street. The Great Commission was never intended to be selective."