

GENEROSITY REVOLUTION

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Worship Team..... The Lion And The Lamb

Welcome

Worship Team..... This I Believe
King Of My Heart

Message..... Senior Pastor Jay Bruner
Generosity Revolution (Week 2)

Offering/Dismissal

THE HEART OF REVOLUTION

*...A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, **let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.** Gal. 6:7-10 (NIV)*

gen·er·os·i·ty = *Gennaiodoría* = *Generossus* = meaning of “noble birth or origin”. This person exhibits DIVINE virtues, such as chivalry, courage, strength, richness, gentleness, compassion, benevolence, love, and fairness.

*...“If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink...” Don’t let evil conquer you, **but conquer evil by doing good.** Romans 12:20-21 (NLT)*

*And He (Jesus) died for all, that those who live (Christ believers/followers) should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we (Christ followers) regard no one from a worldly (fleshly) point of view... Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation... 2 Corinthians 5:15-18 (NIV)***

At the core of the *ministry of reconciliation* is a **generous, giving** heart.

HOW TO MAINTAIN A HEART OF GENEROSITY

1. I must keep my heart pliable.

*We know what **real love** is because **Jesus gave up his life for us**. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion (closes their heart)—how can God’s love be in that person? Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. **1 John 3:16-18 (NLT)***

2. I must practice trusting my generous Father over my worldly fear.

*“Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven. Give, and you will receive. **Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.**” Luke 6:37-38 (NLT)*

3. I must live my life for the good of others and God’s glory.

*Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. **Philippians 2:3-5 (NLT)***

*For 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. Yes, you will be enriched in **every way** so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, **they will thank God... As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God.** For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. **2 Corinthians 9:10-13 (NLT)***

Going deeper on your own: Review today’s message notes, read Luke 10:25-37, and answer the following questions: Who was truly robbed? Whose heart had grown cold? What caused their heart to grow cold? Why do you believe the individual who helped, helped? Pastor Jay said, “Fear is like a cancer of the heart; left unchecked, it grows until it completely consumes our heart and leaves it cold and calloused.” Would you agree or disagree? Pray and ask the Lord to bring you opportunities to be used by Him to show generosity, then **do it**. Write to Pastor Jay, jay@centerpointchurch.com, and tell him what God does in your life this week.