

# Generosity

*(The following is a self-guided Bible study which can be worked through alone, with a partner, or with others in a group.)*

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Bible says, "God loves a cheerful giver." We should give for no other reason than that. The following Scriptures will give you many more reasons for giving generously and becoming a good steward.

**Circle keywords or phrases in the following Scriptures.**

*"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. 1 Chronicles 29:14 (NIV)*

*Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Proverbs 3:9, 10 (NIV)*

*One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. Proverbs 11: 24, 25 (NIV)*

*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38 (NIV)*

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7 (NIV)*

*...remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35b (NIV)*

## **2. WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT GENEROSITY AND STEWARDSHIP IN:**

1 Chronicles 29:14

Luke 6; 38

Proverbs 3:9, 10

2 Corinthians 9:6, 7

Proverbs 11:24, 25

Acts 20:35b

### 3. A QUICK QUESTIONNAIRE

#### Strengthening Your Walk:

Answering the following questions regarding Generosity and Stewardship will help you to grow and learn more regarding God's Word. Look up the Scripture references to find the answers.

#### Generosity and Stewardship:

1. According to 1 Chronicles 29:14 from whom do all things come from?
2. Besides the areas mentioned in Proverbs 3:8, 9 with what else should we consider honoring the Lord?
  - a) What about our time?
  - b) What about our interests or hobbies?
  - c) What about our talents or God given abilities?
  - d) What other areas can you think of?
3. What does it mean to be a good steward?  
(1 Peter 4: 10, 11; 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7; Romans 12:4-8)
  - a) At Home?
  - b) Around Friends?
  - c) At Church?
  - d) Around Relatives?
  - e) At Work?
4. Who provides the strength to be a good steward? (Philippians 4:13)
5. What does 1 Corinthians 4:1, 2 say is required of a steward?
6. Read Matthew 6:19-34; What is Jesus telling us to do? What is stopping you from making these things happen in your own life?

