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RADICAL GENEROSITY

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Community Bible Church Sermon Discussion Questions: Apr 14, 2024 Pastor Ed Newton

Title: Radical Generosity

Text: *“give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”*

Luke 6:38 ESV

Target: Generosity is not something we do, it's who we are.

Question #1: Think about a moment in your life when someone's radical generosity impacted you or pleasantly surprised you. Describe the situation and reflect on how it affected you.

- I. **The Principle of Releasing:** *“give, and it will be given to you.”* (6:38a)
 - A. **Context of the Command:** Nothing to do with money, it's about the heart.
 - B. **Clarity in Command:** *“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully, will also reap bountifully.”* (2 Cor. 9:6)
 - C. **Consideration in the Command:** Whatever you give, positive or negative, it comes back to you. (See Luke 6:32-37)

Question #2: *What blessings, safeguards, and disciplines come from the practice of “releasing” to God? Why do you think God would give us such direct, intentional instruction surrounding money?*

- II. **The Priority of Receiving:** *“Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap.”* (6:38b)
 - A. **Motives Matter:** *“Good measure”*
 - *“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”* (2 Cor. 9:7)
 - B. **Stewardship makes Room:** *“pressed down, shaken together”*
 1. Remove what takes up space.
 2. Reorganize to create space.
 - C. **Outpouring creates Overflow:** *“running over, will be put into your lap.”*

- *“One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.” (Proverbs 11:24-25)*

Question #3: *Take an honest look at your motivations over the years you’ve followed Jesus. Was there ever a season where you felt things were done out of compulsion, reluctance, or any other unhealthy motivating factor? How did you discover these desires within your own behavior, and how have you overcome them?*

Question #4: *What advice would you give someone struggling to evaluate the motives behind their actions? For example, how would you help someone determine if they have been tithing out of compulsion versus genuine cheerful desire? If they are not experiencing this cheerful attitude, how would you encourage them?*

III. **The Purpose of Revealing:** *“For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.” (6:38c)*

- A. **The Generosity of God:** *“He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?” (Romans 8:32)*
- B. **The Sacrifice of our Savior:** *“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.” (2 Cor. 8:9)*
- C. **The Blessing of a Believer:** *“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” (2 Cor. 9:8)*

Takeaway: You can never **outgive** God, but you can **give out** from God.

Question #5: *How can we be both responsible stewards and radically generous with our finances to reach others in meaningful ways? How can our group support each other by staying accountable and providing encouragement in both financial responsibility and radical generosity?*