

The Generous Life

(A deeper look at money)



Lesson 3

The Generous Life is a God trusting life

God's favor follows the generous

Ten Plagues God placed on Egypt

1. Water turned into blood
2. Frogs
3. Gnats
4. Flies
5. Livestock die
6. Boils
7. Hail
8. Locust
9. Darkness
10. Death of the firstborn

God can place desires in people to show you favor

Exodus 3:20 So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go. **21** "And I will make the Egyptians **favorably** disposed toward this people, so that when you leave you will not go empty-handed. **New International Version**

Favorably – Unexpected, and many times unexplainable, acts of kindness and goodwill

Exodus 3:22 Every woman is to ask her neighbor and any woman living in her house for articles of silver and gold and for clothing, which you will put on your sons and daughters. And so you will plunder the Egyptians." **New International Version**

Joseph in Potiphar's house

Genesis 39:4 Joseph found **favor** in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. **New International Version**

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Genesis 39:5 From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, **the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph**. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. **6** So he left in Joseph's care everything he had; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate. Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, **New International Version**

Joseph in prison

Genesis 39:20 Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, **21** the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him **favor** in the eyes of the prison warden. **New International Version**

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Genesis 39:22 So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. **23** The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because **the LORD was with Joseph** and gave him success in whatever he did.
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Jacob's tithing commitment to God

Genesis 28:18 The next morning he got up very early. He took the stone he had used as a pillow and set it upright as a memorial pillar. Then he poured olive oil over it. **19** He named the place Bethel - "house of God" - though the name of the nearby village was Luz. **New Living Translation**

Genesis 28:20 Then Jacob made this vow: "If God will be with me and protect me on this journey and give me food and clothing, **21** and if he will bring me back safely to my father, then I will make the LORD my God. **New Living Translation**

Genesis 28:22 This memorial pillar will become a

place for worshiping God, and **I will give God a tenth of everything** he gives me." **New Living Translation**

God blessed Jacob while his boss was trying to cheat him

Genesis 31:6 You know that I've worked for your father with all my strength, **7** yet your father has cheated me by changing my wages ten times. However, **God has not allowed him to harm me.** **New International Version**

Genesis 31:8 If he said, 'The speckled ones will be your wages,' then **all the flocks** gave birth to speckled young; and if he said, 'The streaked ones will be your wages,' then **all the flocks** bore streaked young. **New International Version**

How the tithe protected Jacob

Genesis 31:11 The angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob.' I answered, 'Here I am.' **12** And he said, 'Look up and see that all the male goats mating with the flock are streaked, speckled or spotted, **for I have seen all** that Laban has been

doing to you. **13** I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and where you made a vow to me. Now leave this land at once and go back to your native land." **New International Version**

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