



Kind of a Big Deal

Lesson 4: Generosity is Kind of a Big Deal November 21 & 22

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Generous

A readiness to give more of something than is necessary or expected

2 Corinthians 8:7 But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you - **see that you also excel in this grace of giving.** *New International Version*

Generosity has nothing to do with the amount you give

Luke 21:1 Just then he looked up and saw the rich people dropping offerings in the collection plate. **2** Then he saw a poor widow put in **two pennies.** *The Message Bible*

Luke 21:3 He said, “The plain truth is that **this widow has given by far the largest offering today.** *The Message Bible*

Luke 21:4 All these others made offerings that **they’ll never miss;** she gave **extravagantly** what she couldn’t afford - **she gave her all!** *The Message Bible*

Giving your two cents makes sense

Generosity makes sense spiritually

Deuteronomy 14:23The purpose of tithing is to teach you always **to put God first in your lives.** *The Living Bible*

Generosity makes sense financially

Deuteronomy 15:10 Give freely and spontaneously. Don't have a stingy heart. **11** The way you handle matters like this **triggers God**, your **God's, blessing in everything you do**, all your work and ventures. *The Message Bible*

Generosity makes sense eternally

1 Timothy 6:17 Tell those **rich in this world's wealth** to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow. *The Message Bible*

Generosity makes sense eternally

1 Timothy 6:18 Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage—to do good, to be rich in helping others, to **be extravagantly generous**. *The Message Bible*

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1 Timothy 6:19 If they do that, they'll **build a treasury that will last**, gaining life that is truly life. *The Message Bible*

Generosity makes sense eternally

Matthew 19:30 But **many who are first now will be last** then; and **some who are last now will be first then.** *The Living Bible*

How we can reach our \$6,000,000.00 goal

- **Those that pledged fulfilling their pledges**

2 Corinthians 8:10 Here is my advice: It would be good for you to **finish what you started a year ago**. Last year you were the first who wanted to give, and you were the first to begin doing it. **11** Now you should finish what you started. **Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving**. Give in proportion to what you have. **12** Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have. *New Living Translation*