

2 - THE GIVER SEES GOD'S GLORY - MATTHEW 6:1-4

Two men were marooned on an island. One man paced back and forth like he thought it was the last day of his life, while the other man relaxed and appeared unconcerned. The first man said to the second man, "Aren't you afraid? We are about to die." "No," said the second man, "I made a \$100,000.00 commitment to our church building fund. My pastor will find me."

- **GIVING AS A TOPIC FOR TEACHING - FOCUSED ON THE WRONG STUFF**

Loss not gain, fear not faith, take not give, what's in it 4m/whats in it 4gofG

God's glory is the goal of all things, The unifying goal of all history, Source and sum of all lasting joy. John Piper

The glory of God is the manifest beauty of his holiness **going public**. THAT HAPPENS
GENEROS ABOUT GOD'S GLORY - HOW CAN YOU EXPERIENCE AND EXPRESS GLORY

GOLDEN GATE - PUTTING MYSELF IN THE BEST POSITION - BEAUTY

- **It's beautiful no matter what - I can't do anything to make it MORE...**
 - o **BEST POSITION - SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES - THEY DON'T ADD**

MP: Engaging in the spiritual disciplines put you in the best position to experience and express the glory of God. **GENEROSITY - PRAYING - FASTING**

- **YOUR JOY (CAUSE IT MAKES ME HAPPY) - GOING TO MISS - LIVING GEN..**

Carl Menninger president APA that Generous people are happy people. He also said that giving is a criteria for mental health!

GOD GLORIFIES HIMSELF THROUGH GENEROSITY

KEYS - (3) Expected, Seen by God, Rewarded

- **PROMISE - WHEN YOU GIVE IN SECRET HE REWARDS YOU OPENLY**

- o **GOD BLESSES GENEROSITY - LAW**

- **SEE GG MIRACLE - works a miracle, meets a need, saves soul, ANSWERS PR..**

late 1800's George Mueller ded givng orgphans operated an orphanage that at one time 1,000. One morning there was no food to eat, but he called all the children and staff together and prayed thanking God for the provision of food, even though no food was on the table. A few moments later a baker knocked on the door. He told Mr. Muller that God had led him to **bake bread** the night before and give it to the orphanage. Before the bread was given to the children, a **milkman** knocked on the door. He said that his milk truck had broken down and he wanted to give the milk to the orphanage.

- o **GIVING DURING CORONA (YOU) - 3000+bibles, 1300meals, hundpray**

- **SEE GG IN SUPPLY - God replenishes so you can give more**

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

- o **GIVING IS GREATEST WHEN IT HURTS - WIDOWS MITE - intentions**

Luke 21:4 But she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had.

A preacher asked farmer, "If you had 100 cows, would you give 50 of them to the Lord?" "Yes." "If you had 1,000 chickens, would you give 500?" "Yes." "If you had 2 hogs would you give one?" "Not fair, Preacher, you know I have 2 hogs."

- o **EASY TO SAY YES THEORY/INTENTION - TEST ME IN THIS (DO IT)**

Malachi 3:10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you *such* blessing That *there will not be room enough to receive it.*

- **SEE GG IN GOSPEL**

- God is the most generous giver – HE GAVE HIS SON

Q: Living generously aligns us to the gospel which is universally the greatest revelation of God's glory.

Q: I love like this because God loved me like this.

In February 1941 Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan priest was put in the **Auschwitz death** camp for **helping Jews escape Nazis**. in desperation some attempted to escape. The camp rule was enforced. Ten people would be rounded up randomly and herded into a cell where they would die of starvation and exposure teach lesson. Names were called. A Polish Jew Frandishek Gasovnachek was called. He cried, "**Wait, I have a wife and children!**" Kolbe stepped forward and said, "I will take his place." Kolbe was marched into the cell with nine others where he managed to live until August 14. MURDERED.

A few years ago NBC news special years ago. Gasovnachek, by this time 82, was shown telling this story while tears streamed down his cheeks. A camera followed him around his little white house to a marble monument carefully tended with flowers. The inscription read: IN MEMORY OF MAXIMILIAN KOLBE HE DIED IN MY PLACE.

- **WHEN WE CHOOSE TO GIVE OURSELVES – POWER RELEASED**
 - **Your live is touched, others are touched and GOD IS GLORIFIED**