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Generosity

I believe that generosity is one of the missing keys in most people's lives. It will unlock extraordinary blessing and deep feelings of joy and fulfilment. Just think for a moment how important generosity is. I would find it extremely hard to introduce someone as a Christian that loves God, who was stingy and showed a heart of greed instead of generosity, to a non-Christian friend of mine.

I teach my kids weekly on how to give to the Lord. Firstly, with their tithe and to the poor and to give into savings. I double whatever they give so I can paint a healthy picture in their minds of how God is. God is a generous Father and He multiplies what his kids give towards doing good works for others. My boys are very generous and compassionate kids and they are way more attractive children because they are modelling generosity. The same will be true as they grow into being generous adults. My kids know that they can never out give God and they are aware that God loves to give to his kids. God rewards the faithfulness of generous people and my kids continue to live a generous life that looks after the poor and blesses the heart of God. Proverbs 14:31 says "whoever is kind to the needy honors God".

Giving isn't God's way of raising money, it's God's way of raising disciples in the likeness of His Son, Jesus. When it comes to giving you will never out give God.

Proverbs 28:27 NIV - Those who give to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses.

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

Proverbs 19:17 NIV - He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done.

The successful people that I know, have an open heart and open hand culture in life. They receive freely and give freely and blessing flows in and out from their life towards others.

The unsuccessful people I know have a closed hand and closed heart culture in life. They can neither give nor receive the best God has planned for them. A seed in a closed hand can never release the harvest that is hidden inside of the seed. The miracle of a seed is hindered with a closed hand because a closed hand culture is a blessing blocker that will never see the harvest that is hidden inside the seed. People who only have an inlet for receiving and no outlet for sharing and giving are like the Dead Sea, no new life is found there. Like the Dead Sea which is found at the lowest point on earth, the people who choose to live a life with no outlet to give, are also living one of the lowest forms of life, that a human can live on earth.

Just think about what images an open hand brings to mind. To me an open hand symbolizes kindness, love, and help and is very positive and attractive. Now think about what images a closed hand or a fist brings to mind. To me, a closed hand or a fist symbolizes anger, stinginess, selfishness and rejection because it isn't welcoming and it's extremely repelling. Life is best lived with an open hand and an open heart because that is the sort of life that has an open heaven over it.

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