

Generosity is the most talked about value in Bible

- Faith = 246 times
- Hope = 185 time
- Love = 733 times
- Giving = 2,285 times

Billy Graham - "If a person gets his attitude about money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area in his life"

Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving. 2 Corinthians 8:7 (NLT)

HOW GENEROSITY BENEFITS MY LIFE

1. GENEROSITY MAKES ME _____

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us! 1 Chronicles 29:14 (NLT)

2. GENEROSITY DRAWS ME _____

Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. Matthew 6:21 (NLT)

3. GENEROSITY BREAKS THE GRIP OF _____

No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Matthew 6:24 (NLT)

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)

4. GENEROSITY STRENGTHENS _____

Your giving proves the reality of your faith... - 2 Corinthians 9:13 (Ph)

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 2 Corinthians 9:7, 8 (NLT)

5. GENEROSITY IS AN INVESTMENT _____

Use your money to do good.... always being ready to share with others whatever God has given you. By doing this you will be storing up real treasure for yourselves in heaven--it is the only safe investment for eternity! And you will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well. 1 Timothy 6:18-19 (TLB)

6. GENEROSITY BLESSES ME _____

Generous people will be blessed... Proverbs 22:9 (NCV)

Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. Deuteronomy 15:10 (NIV)

7. GENEROSITY MAKES ME _____

...the Lord Jesus himself said, "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving." Acts 20:35 (GNT)

You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9 (NLT)