

GENEROSITY AND THE BIBLE

Text	Theme
Genesis 1: 1, 26-31	God created humans, gave them dominion and gave them plants for food.
Genesis 2: 7-9, 15-25	God made Adam, and then gave him Eve.
Genesis 28: 16-22	Jacob acknowledges that God has given him clothing and food. He sets up a pillar to be God's house and pledges one tenth.
Exodus 35: 20-29 and 36: 2-7	The Lord has commanded that people bring offerings to make a tabernacle and they come willing with valuable offerings - more than was needed to make the sanctuary.
Leviticus 27: 30-33	Tithes - one tenth of produce and animals - are holy to the Lord.
Deuteronomy 8: 6-18	Keep God's commandments because he has brought you into a land where you have everything you need in abundance. Don't forget that it was God who has given you everything.
Deuteronomy 14: 22-27	Set aside a tithe of produce and animals.
Deuteronomy 15: 7-11, 16:10 and 16:17	Give generously and ungrudgingly to those in your community who are in need. Give as you are able.
Deuteronomy 18:1-5	The priests are due a share of people's offering. They have been chosen by God to minister in the name of the Lord.
Deuteronomy 26:1-10	God has taken you out of Egypt and given you land. Take the first fruits of that land and give them to God.
1 Chronicles 29:10-20	David blessed the Lord - 'all that is in the heavens and the earth is yours...all things come from you, and of our own have we given you.'
Nehemiah 10:35-39	Bring the first fruits of produce and livestock to the house of God.
Ecclesiastes 2:1-11	Chasing after pleasure and building up many material possessions doesn't matter in the end - 'there was nothing to be gained under the sun'.
Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23	A good name is better than great riches. Those who are generous will be blessed.
Tobit 4:5-11, 14-16	Give alms willingly in proportion to your income.
Matthew 6: 1-4, 19-24	When you give alms do it in secret. Don't store up treasures on earth - you can't serve both God and wealth.
Matthew 14:13-21	Feeding the five thousand
Matthew 19: 16-24	The rich young man.
Matthew 22:15-22	Give to Caesar the things which are Caesar's and give to God the things which are God's.
Matthew 25: 31-46	I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink....

Mark 10: 17-31	Jesus tells the rich young man to sell everything and follow him.
Mark 12:41-44	The widow's mite
Luke 10:25-37	The good Samaritan.
Luke 12:13-21	The parable of the rich fool.
Luke 12:22-34	Consider the lilies of the field
Luke 19:1-10	Zacchaeus the tax collector gives half of everything to the poor.
Luke 19:11-26	The parable of the talents.
Luke 21:1-4	The widow's mite
Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-37, 11:27-30	They would sell their possessions and distribute the proceeds to all, who had need - everything was held in common.
Acts 5:1-11	Ananias sold some property but kept some of the proceeds for himself.
Acts 20:32-35	Paul worked to support his companions. This was an example of supporting the weak because Jesus said that it is more blessed to give than to receive.
1 Corinthians 12, 1-11	There are varieties of gifts.
2 Corinthians 8:1-15	The Macedonians generously gave according to their means.
2 Corinthians 9.6-12	One who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, one who sows bountifully will reap bountifully - God loves a cheerful giver
Philippians 4:10-20	Paul has learned to be content with what he has,
James 2: 1-10, 14-17	Love your neighbour as yourself, faith by itself if it has no works is dead.
1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19	We brought nothing into the world and can take nothing out of it. The love of money is at the root of all evil.
Hebrews 13:5-6, 15-16	Keep your lives free from the love of money. Share what you have.
1 Peter 4:7-11	Serve one another with whatever gift you have received.



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