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Generosity

Generosity is a rare commodity in today's materialistic world. Everyone is more than eager to acquire and accumulate the best, biggest and most desirable objects for themselves.

Therefore, to be generous is counterculture. Yet God's Word repeatedly reminds us that "it is better to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

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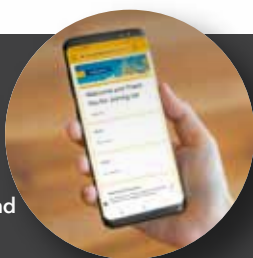
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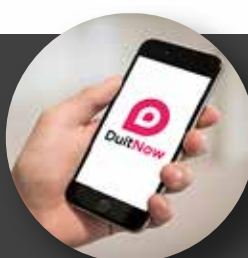
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The Dead Sea

Did you know that the Dead Sea is the lowest land on earth? Its surface elevation is measured at 1,411 feet below sea level! That means the nearby Mediterranean Sea is much higher. As a consequence, the Dead Sea can only receive water and is unable to discharge any to the surrounding areas. Over the years, the salt content in the water has accumulated into a “toxic” level of 35% - the saltiest water on earth. This is in stark contrast to the 3.5% salinity of ordinary sea water found everywhere. It is no wonder then that no plants, fish or any form of living organisms grow in such an uninhabitable condition. It is called the Dead Sea for precisely that reason.

Dead Heart

Similarly, the human heart can also become as dead as the Dead Sea if it only knows how to receive and not give. Giving cleanses the pervasive greed in all our human hearts. A heart of stone can become fleshy through the process of generous giving. Giving is like dispersing the “toxic salt” content in our hearts so that it does not accumulate overly to make us “poisonous” to our surroundings. It promotes sharing of resources in a more equitable way. At the end of the day, no one can bring any of their possessions into the next life. This is reiterated in Job 1:21,

“Naked I come from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart.”

Whatever money or possession we don’t use or are unable to use in this present life is finally of no eternal value. Why not be wise instead by donating or giving away as much as we can.

Choice

Giving is a choice and an act of compassion for others who are in need. The decision needs to be deliberate as giving is not a natural inclination inherent in everyone. It will become habitual only

after constant practice. Eventually, generosity will become part of a person’s character and disposition. Left alone without any encouragement or direction from outside sources, like the Bible, the tendency for a human being is to be selfish and only care for his own well-being and welfare. It is a trait that creeps in stealthily and soon the stinginess becomes ingrained inside a person’s character.

Change

Generosity starts from a single act of giving a little, with minimal discomfort or pain to the giver. This cannot be said of a miser, for even a little giving can cause discomfort and distress. There is no compulsion or compassion to give when you can have everything to yourselves. Therefore, a radical change of perspective in life and values is needed. It may be triggered by tragic events, crisis or inspiration from generous donors, among others. Alfred Nobel donated all his wealth one day when he woke up to find his obituary listed mistakenly in the daily newspaper. The headlines screamed “The merchant of death is dead”. It was a wake-up call that shook right to the core of his being. Sometimes, it is part of spiritual growth and a blessing from God which He said in Ezekiel 36:26

“I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”

Something that was dead has now become alive through the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit.

God’s Word

Reading the Bible from cover to cover, one cannot help but notice the overarching theme of “I will bless you, and you will be a blessing to others” running through. It is found initially at the time when God calls Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3) and established the Abrahamic covenant. From the subsequent formation of the Jewish nation came Jesus Christ who brought salvation and reconciliation to not only the Jews but also blessings to the Gentiles. Indeed our God is such a generous God that,

“if any of you lack wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault” - (James 1:5)

The infinite beauty and abundance of creation which God blesses us for enjoyment speaks for itself. A generous God expects His people to be generous as well. Sharing and the attitude of giving willingly should characterise God’s people in taking care of creation and his neighbours.

Blessings to the Giver

Generosity is a lifestyle that is approved by God as found in Proverbs 11:25 “A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.” In other words, giving not only blesses the recipient but also the donor as well. It is like a boomerang, which travels forward but comes back to you ultimately. Therefore, it is not surprising that God prospers those who give willingly and cheerfully to the needy and for His work. The blessings from God may not always be material. But certainly, it will come in the form of joy, peace and fulfillment. The latter is often times more precious than the former.

Investing in Heaven

Giving is a form of investment in heaven. It is like giving away our treasures on earth and sending them forward into heaven where one day we will meet up with Jesus, our Lord (Matthew 6:19,20). Moreover, the treasures in heaven is eternal and indestructible. What a pity for someone to appear in heaven and have nothing to show because of a stingy heart. After Paul had received gifts from the Christians in Philippi in his time of need, he even mentioned the existence of a heavenly account which we can all credit from time to time (Philippians 4:17).

God Multiplies Giving

It doesn’t really matter to God the absolute quantum of our giving. After all, He is the creator of heaven and earth and everything belongs to Him. What is more important is to give in proportionally and according to our ability. Jesus commented that when the widow gave two small copper coins, “the poor

widow has put more into the treasury than all the others” as she gave out of her poverty (Mark 12:43,44). The hands that gave sacrificially the two small copper coins came from a big heart that trusted God wholeheartedly. God can multiply whatever gift we humbly surrender for His Kingdom work, just as how God multiplied the two fish and five loaves to feed the five thousand with twelve basketfuls of left over.

Conclusion

All of us are not owners of our lives, time, treasure or talents. God is truly the real owner and has ultimate control over all these things. We are all called to be wise and responsible stewards of these temporal blessings. Therefore, it is only wise to be generous in all of our giving for His work and namesake only.



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Overseas Missions Fellowship (OMF)

OMF’s vision is to see an indigenous biblical church movement in each people group of East Asia evangelizing their own people and reaching out in mission to other peoples. OMF focuses on communities in frontier regions where there are few or no churches and we work with partners and churches to send workers out to these areas. With the movement of people groups through migration from their traditional homelands however, we are increasingly engaged in integral ministries to East Asian diaspora communities wherever they are.

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**don't
just take,
give.**

| Pulpit Program

January 9, 2022

Religion vs Faith

(Matthew 15:1-20; Romans 10:1-4)



PREACHER
Dr. Peter Ng

January 16, 2022

The Nature of Faith

(Matthew 15:21-31)



PREACHER
Alex Tan

January 23, 2022

The Influence of False Teachers

(Matthew 15:32; 16:12)



PREACHER
Lee Yee Dian

January 30, 2022

Family Sermon Series:

The Seed of the Woman - How God Works Through imperfect Families



PREACHER
Arnold Lim

| Worship with Us



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Sundays 9:00am



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for Ages 0-12yrs
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PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

Generosity



1. Pray that God will help us understand that we have a giver who has infinite limitless resources.
2. Pray that we will allow God to channel his generosity to us towards others.

| Upcoming Events



Open for Registration
Every Sunday
8:45am (1 Service)
Kindly go to www.fbc.com.my to register or [CLICK HERE](#)



Romans
From Wretchedness To Righteousness
Every Wednesday
For more information, contact Church Office at 03-5621 2623



Is There More to Life Than This?
Alpha 21 will begin on 6 January 2022.
Every Thursday 8:00pm
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Daily Prayer Meeting
Every Saturday to Thursday
9:00pm
Zoom ID: 929 735 694
Password: pray



Monthly Prayer Meeting
Physical Prayer Meeting
15 January 2022
Saturday 2:00pm
Transit Lounge
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More Information on Upcoming Events