

*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.*

**1 Timothy 6:17-18 (NIV)**

✓ **Why do we cringe when someone talks about generosity?**

● **Churches have \_\_\_\_\_ generosity**

- Prosperity gospel
- Fear gospel
- Obligation gospel

● **We have a selfish gene**

● **We underestimate the \_\_\_\_\_**

*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)***

*You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. **2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)***

## How do we learn generosity?

✓ **Remember \_\_\_\_\_**

*Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. **James 1:17 (NASB)***

✓ **Find \_\_\_\_\_**

✓ **Pre-\_\_\_\_\_**

✓ **Play the \_\_\_\_\_**

*A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord. If a man redeems any of his tithe, he must add a fifth of the value to it. **Leviticus 27:30-31 (NIV)***

*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."*

**Malachi 3:10 (NIV)**

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