

## 4/22/18 Rich Generosity MV

1. What does Luke 6:38 say about giving? There is a measure for measure philosophy here, what does it mean?

2. The Act of giving is a visible, tangible expression of what? What role does trust play in the act of giving? In what do you trust?

3. Look at Proverbs 11:24-25, Matt says the message here doesn't follow conventional wisdom, why not? What wisdom are we to glean from this?

4. In Galatians 2:11, Paul says: "In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity." The Macedonians were very poor financially, but had an abundance of joy. Why do you think that is?

5. Matt shared these equations: Overflowing Joy + Extreme Poverty = Rich Generosity  
Abundant Discontent + Extreme Affluence = A Trickle of Generosity. Why is it so hard for people to be generous with their finances? What is society's message v. Gods?

6. In 2 Corinthians 8:7, what 7 things does it say as Christians we are to excel in? Which of these come more easily to you and with which do you struggle?

7. What is it that people acquire that causes them to be generous financially? 2 Cor. 9:11-12, is a model for ideal giving, what does it say? How does it affect you and others?

8. In giving your finances over to God's control, are there things you need to confess, some fears you have relative to your resources, some anxieties, or some plain old greed that keep you from being a giver?

9. It's the upside down Kingdom that counts, where someone starts off rich and ends up poor, explain how this works and how it applies to you.



