

Series/Message: Loving Generously, Part 5

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

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Previously:

1. The Practice Of Loving Generously Is One Of Two Conditions Required For Eternal Life.

Luke 10:25-29

²⁵ And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?"

²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

²⁸ And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; Do this and you will live."

²⁹ But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

2. The Essence Of Loving Generously Is To Love One's Neighbor As Oneself.
3. The Rightful Recipient Of Generous Love Is Anyone Who Is Legitimately Worthy Of Mercy.
4. One Cannot Generously Love Others Until First Being Loved Generously.

Matthew 18:21-27

²¹ Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves."

²⁴ "When he had begun to settle them, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him."

²⁵ "But since he did not have the means to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made."

²⁶ "So the slave fell to the ground and prostrated himself before him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you everything.'

²⁷ "And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt."

This Week:

5. After Being Generously Loved, One Can't Help But To Generously Love Others.

Matthew 18:28-35

²⁸ *"But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him and began to choke him, saying, 'Pay back what you owe.'*

²⁹ *"So his fellow slave fell to the ground and began to plead with him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you.'*

³⁰ *"But he was unwilling and went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed.*

³¹ *"So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their lord all that had happened.*

³² *"Then summoning him, his lord said to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.*

³³ *'Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?'*

³⁴ *"And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him.*

³⁵ *"My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart."*

Two miraculous and mysterious gifts from God

1. A renewed mind – informed by God's truth
2. A transformed will – empowered by God's Spirit