

SALT & LIGHT

Build character and stand up for what you believe

GENEROSITY



You and your friends share everything from clothes to lunch money. You would give them your kidneys if they needed them, right?

Being a generous person is a great way to share your faith with others. It can show them that you love them and that you have a genuine interest in their well-being. When you are giving, you find that living is much more pleasurable not only for yourself but for those living around you.

Know Yourself

Is generosity just about giving things away? Why or why not? How does being generous go beyond sharing material possessions? Do you think that you could be more generous? How so?

Know the Word

Read: Luke 18: 1-8

1. How was the rich man being wicked?
2. How does worrying about having enough affect being generous?
3. Where did Jesus say we should keep our treasure and why?

Remember It!: "Your heart will always be where your treasure is." Luke 12: 34 (CEV)

Read More! (if you dare): Acts 2: 44-47, Luke 14: 13-14

Know Others

"Karen prepared and served a dinner, and desserts consisting of several pies. A professional skateboarder who stopped by a few weeks [prior], shared the gospel. The Christian punk band, CIP (Christ in Progress) played. And over 100 kids showed up on a winter night! I told Karen that night, that God is going to save some of these kids with mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie. That's the only gospel presentation they are going to need."—Charles Wear, Former Pastor and Lawyer, Sk8Ranch in southern California. Source: *If You Build It, They Will Come!*, <http://www.next-wave.org>, views of the publication do not necessarily reflect those of the American Bible Society.

The Choice is Yours

You may not need to donate a kidney to be generous, but being a giving, caring person does involve sharing with others, whether you're sharing your possessions, talents, time or self.

The next time you know that someone is in need and you have something that can help the person, try sharing it with him or her. "Do not withhold any good thing", and I'm sure that you will see God's fruit in your life.

We want to hear your stories concerning the way generosity has made a difference in your life and the lives of others around you. To share your experience with us, e-mail your account to feedback@bibleresourcecenter.org