

July 28, 2019  
*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*  
Pastor Paul S. Brown  
Selected Scriptures

**“Generospitality”**

**Generosity (free and liberal bestowal of wealth, possessions or food upon others)  
+ Hospitality (love of strangers)  
= Generospitality**

(Gen. 18-19; 1 Chron. 29:1-20; Ps. 24:1; Prov. 3:9-10; 11:25; 19:6; 22:9; 23:4-5; Mal. 3:8-10; Mt. 6:19-24; 25:31-46; Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37; 20:32-35; Rom. 13:9-13; 2 Cor. 8:1-5; 9:6-15; Phil. 4:10-20; 1 Tim. 3:2-3; 6:6-11, 17-19; Tit. 1:7-8; Heb. 13:1-6; 1 Pet. 4:8-9; 1 Jn. 3:16-18; 3 Jn. 5-11)

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**So What?**

1. **Margin**
2. **Budget**
3. **Eternal Perspective / Trust**
4. **H.E.A.R.T. (He owns it all; Every day is an opportunity; Action is required; Remember your blessings; Thank Him)**

**Good books to read:**

Ken Blanchard & S. Truett Cathy, “**The Generosity Factor: Discovering the Joy of Giving Your Time, Talent, and Treasure.**”

David Green & Bill High, “**A Generous Life: 10 Steps to Living a Life Money Can’t Buy**”

Chris Willard & Jim Sheppard, “**Contagious Generosity: Creating a Culture of Giving in Your Church**”

Richard A. Swenson, M.D., “**Margin: Restoring Emotional, Physical, Financial, and Time Reserves to Overloaded Lives**”

## Discussion & Application:

1. Jesus said, “It is more blessed to **give** than to receive” (Acts 20:35). We are called as disciples of Jesus to imitate Him (Jn. 13:34f; 1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 2:5-8; 1 John 2:3-6). Was Jesus **generous**? (Give examples) Was Jesus given to **hospitality**? (Give examples)
2. What is a “**steward**”? God owns everything, we are His stewards. What are your responsibilities as a steward of what God has entrusted to you?
3. Look up the verses on the front of this outline. Write down as many principles as you can find about generosity and hospitality. If you’re in a group, divide up the passages to find principles, then share them with one another. Take your time. Go ahead... I’ll wait.
4. How specifically do we see “generospitality” in the **early church**?
5. How specifically do we see generospitality in the life of the **Apostle Paul**?
6. In what specific ways are you practicing generospitality with your **time**? How could you excel still more? What would you need to give up in order to give more time?
7. In what specific ways are you practicing generospitality with your **talents**? How could you excel still more?
8. In what specific ways are you practicing generospitality with your **treasures**? How could you excel still more?
9. In what specific ways are you practicing generospitality with your **touch**? How could you excel still more?
10. What is “**margin**” and why is it important? How would increasing the margins in your life enable you to practice generospitality at a greater level? What can you do this week to increase the margins in your life? Be very specific.
11. What is a “**budget**”? How does a budget help you practice generospitality? What are you currently doing to implement a budget that is focused on eternity?
12. How “**in sync**” is your **heart** with God’s? Is His mission your mission? Is His perspective your perspective? Is His attitude your attitude? How might a lifestyle of generospitality draw you closer to God and make you more in sync with Him?
13. What **legacy** are you leaving for future generations? When your life is over, will people say that you were an example of generospitality? What can you begin doing this week to encourage future generations to practice generosity and hospitality for the glory of God?

[Blanks: **Time; Talents; Treasure; Touch**]