

BETTER TOGETHER



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Big Idea: Strong biblical community is built when believers generously invest their lives in one another.

Text: Acts 2:44-45

And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

Introduction

While financial stewardship absolutely matters in Scripture, biblical generosity is much deeper than dollars. Biblical generosity is the willingness to give many other things other than just money.

You can say relationships matter but your schedule eventually reveals what truly matters to you.

Financial generosity can happen quickly.
Relational generosity costs time.

1. Biblical Generosity Invests in People

Luke 16:9 — And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

Jesus teaches stewardship through relationships.

The surprising emphasis in the passage is not merely money management it is eternal investment in people.

Luke 16 ultimately teaches that everything God places in our hands is intended to become a tool for loving and investing in others for eternal purposes.

The greatest investments we make are not in temporary possessions, but in eternal souls.

The most important investments we make are in people.

Galatians 6:10 — As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

2. Biblical Generosity Gives Time, Not Just Resources

Healthy biblical community requires more than occasional attendance. It requires intentional investment.

You cannot build strong relationships in constant hurry.

People rarely feel loved at a distance.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 — So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.”

3. Biblical Generosity Stays Present in Difficulty

Romans 12:12-16 — Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

Generosity is not only helping people financially.

Relational generosity means showing up in both celebrations and suffering.

Highs — *celebrate and rejoice with those who rejoice*

Lows — *presence and comfort with those who suffer*

Transitions — *space for grace with those who question*

Generous believers do not disappear when relationships become inconvenient.

Ecclesiastes 4:9–10 — Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

4. Biblical Generosity Stewards Time Wisely

Psalms 90:12 — So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Time is one of God's greatest gifts. And once it is spent, it cannot be recovered.

Every relationship we invest in is a stewardship opportunity from God.

Where your time consistently goes, your heart eventually follows.

Conclusion

Biblical generosity is not merely opening your wallet. It is opening your life.

Healthy biblical community is not built through occasional moments. It is built through continual investment.

Strong biblical communities are built when believers generously invest their lives in one another.

Application Steps this Week

- (1) Intentionally spent time with someone in your church family this week.
- (2) Encourage someone going through difficulty this week.
- (3) Slow down in order to notice those around you with needs this week.
- (4) Find a way to invest in someone relationally this week, not just financially.