

GO GENEROUSLY
Part 1: STANDARD OF LIVING, OR STANDARD OF GIVING?
February 4, 2018

"... It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35 (NIV)

BLESSED = _____

FOUR GENEROSITY PRINCIPLES

'In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. He had seven sons and three daughters, and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East." Job 1:1-3 (NIV)

**1. POSSESSIONS ARE _____, WITH THE POTENTIAL FOR
_____ OR _____.**

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierces themselves with many griefs." I Timothy 6:10 (NIV)

"At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised." In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing." Job 1:20-22 (NIV)

**2. EVERYTHING _____ AND EVERYTHING _____
BELONGS TO GOD.**

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to Him." Psalms 24:1 (NLT)

"... remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth ..."
Deuteronomy 8:18 (NLT)

"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." I Corinthians 4:2 (NIV)

**3. WHAT I POSSESS _____ . HOW _____
_____ WHAT I POSSESS WILL.**

"If I have put my trust in gold or said to pure gold, 'You are my security,' if I have rejoiced over my great wealth, the fortune my hands had gained ... then these also would be sins to be judged, for I would have been unfaithful to God on high." Job 31:24-25, 28 (NIV)

"If I have been unfair to my male or female servants when they brought their complaints to me, how could I face God? What could I say when he questioned me? For God created both me and my servants. He created us both in the womb." Job 31:13-15 (NLT)

"Have I refused to help the poor, or crushed the hopes of widows? Have I been stingy with my food and refused to share it with orphans? No, from childhood I have cared for orphans like a father, and all my life I have cared for widows. Whenever I saw the homeless without clothes and the needy with nothing to wear, did they not praise me for providing wool clothing to keep them warm? Job 31:16-20 (NLT)

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." Proverbs 22:9 (NIV)

4. WHAT I POSSESS SHOULD BE USED FOR _____ .

"His wife said to him, "Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!" He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" In all this, Job did not sin in what he said." Job 2:9-10 (NIV)

"Better the poor whose walk is blameless than the rich whose ways are perverse." Proverbs 28:6 (NIV)

- **God sees _____ and _____ .**

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ...

- I will discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
 - Check box on back of Communication Card
- I will Sign-up for the Baptism Celebration on Palm Sunday, March 25th.
 - Check box on back of Communication Card
- I will Sign-up for Financial Freedom with Gary Lewis. Contact the Church office at (937) 393-5383.
- I will Grow and Learn by participating in one of GNG's daily Bible reading plans and listening to the weekly Going Deeper Podcast.