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The Paradox of Generosity, 2 Corinthians 9:13
January 7, 10-11, 2015; Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

Generous people almost always live a happier life than people who choose not to be generous.

The Paradoxes of Generosity:

1. It is paradoxical that generosity, giving money and time away, is proven to enrich your life.
2. It is paradoxical that hoarding money and refusing to give leads to high levels of anxiety and unhappiness regardless of how much money you accumulate.
3. It is paradoxical that knowing this...Americans still don't embrace generosity.

Underneath our ungenerous lifestyles is a deep sense of anxiety.

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

The generosity of the church in Corinth proved their faith was real.

The Paradoxical Blessings of Generosity:

1. Being generous gives me the opportunity to obey God. *Luke 6:38 NIV*

Some think that if we give any amount we're being generous. That's not what the Bible teaches.

The literal meaning of the word 'tithe' is a tenth part...10%.

Twenty dollars a week would be tithing 10% if my weekly income were \$200 a week...\$10,400 a year.
Malachi 3:10 NIV

There is a blessing that follows the practice of generosity. Not a act of generosity...but practicing generosity.

Luke 6:38 NIV:

- Jesus tells people who are tithers to give generously.
- Jesus promises that if you are generous with His causes on earth, He will be generous with you.
- Jesus promises that your generosity will determine the velocity of God's blessing in your life.

2. Being generous lets me see God work in my life. *2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV*

The one sure way to attract the blessing of God is to obey God.

3. Generosity fuels the Lord's vision for my church. *Matthew 28:19-20 NIV*

Giving is between me and God; so regardless of how I feel about my church I'm going to give generously because that's what God desires.

4. My generosity will bless my Heavenly Father.

"Men will praise God" because of our generosity...this is why we call generosity an act of worship.

Generosity brings blessing, because generosity is God-like.

Luke Reading Plan:

Week 8

1. Luke 10:25-37

2. Luke 10:38-42

3. Luke 11:1-3

4. Luke 11:4-23

5. Luke 11:24-36

6. Luke 11:37-44

7. Luke 11:45-54

Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

Training for Savannah Working Against Human Trafficking (SWAHT)

1:30 - 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11

Rooms 213 and 214, Adult Ministry Center across the street

SWAHT is a local education group that works to combat human trafficking. This training session is an opportunity to increase your awareness of human trafficking in our area and find out how you can help. If you would like to donate supplies to their backpack drive for rescued girls, pack a small backpack or duffle bag with a notepad and pen, a pair of socks, clean underwear and a small hygiene kit, and bring it with you to the session. For more information, contact Brittany at bblackburn@savannahchristian.com.

Baby Dedication Classes

6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14: Room 122, 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17: Room 204, or

10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 18: Room 203

A baby dedication ceremony is a time for parents to publicly dedicate their child to God. Parents commit to raise their child in ways that honor God, and the church agrees to support each child and family in this endeavor. If you would like to take part in a dedication ceremony on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday, Feb. 11, 14 or 15, attend one of these preparation classes. You must be a baptized member of Savannah Christian Church to take part.

Spiritual Growth Classes

6:15 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 14 - March 18

Lighthouse Building across the street behind the Adult Ministry Center

Would you like to grow stronger in your faith? To learn how to apply your knowledge of the Bible to your daily life? If so, these classes are for you. Join us as we explore practical ways to grow closer to God, build healthier relationships with those around us and serve God with passion and joy. Childcare for newborns through fifth-graders is available through regular children's programming.

Global Encounter

7 - 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26

The Link across the lake

Go on a short-term trip with Savannah Christian this year and see the difference you can make in someone's life. Find out the details of the 2015 short-term trips at Global Encounter. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions, meet the trip leaders and sign up to go. We encourage you to ask God where He wants you to go this year, and then come to Global Encounter with an open heart. Many of the trips fill up at Global Encounter each year, so make sure you come to avoid disappointment!

2014 Giving Statements

Your 2014 giving statement for tax purposes will be available at SavannahChristian.com/Give beginning Thursday, Jan. 15. Paper statements will be mailed to you by Saturday, Jan. 31.