



Sermon series: Heartbeat  
Text: Psalm 112  
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## A Passion for Generosity

**Big Idea: What we believe about God in our heart will affect what we do with the money in our hands.**

**Generosity flows from a heart that believes \_\_\_\_\_ we have \_\_\_\_\_ to God (vs.1-3).**

**Generosity flows from a heart that believes God \_\_\_\_\_ us so that we can \_\_\_\_\_ others (vs. 4-5).**

*“God prospers us to raise not our standard of living but our standard of giving.” -Randy Alcorn*

**Generosity flows from a heart that believes God \_\_\_\_\_ of us (vs. 6-8).**

*Hebrews 13:5-6 - <sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear, what can man do to me?”*

**Generosity flows from a heart that believes money \_\_\_\_\_ but God's kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ (vs.9-10)**

*Matthew 6:19-20 - <sup>19</sup>“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.*

### Two Applications:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your giving.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ your God.

Do you enjoy or dread talking about money and generosity? Why?

Do you agree with this statement: **“God prospers us to raise not our standard of living but our standard of giving”**? How should that influence the way we go about receiving raises in income, generous gifts of money, or any other increase in finances?

Do you have an emergency fund, retirement account, and/or investments? How do you (or how can you) guard against finding security in these things instead of in God?



*What are the benefits or rewards of being generous? How would you go about encouraging your children or other people to be generous?*

*What is your plan for being generous and giving away money?*

- *What percentage of your money do you try to give away? Is that percentage based on net income or income after taxes?*
- *Who are the organizations or people that you have chosen to give towards? How do you choose who or what you will give to?*
- *How often do you evaluate your generosity in giving? What does that process look like for you?*
- *What are some other ways you seek to be generous with your resources?*
- *Where is it most difficult for you to be generous? Where does it require the greatest sacrifice for you to be generous?*

*If you are with your CARE Group, close by sharing one area in your life that you would like to grow in this year in relation to finances and generosity. Spend some time praying for each other in these areas.*

*Read one of the articles below... The first one is geared towards everyone in thinking about your finances. The second is geared towards married couples. The third is geared towards those who are thinking about how to use money in retirement and beyond.*

1. [How to Set Wise and Generous Financial Goals](#)
2. [How to Plan Your Giving as a Married Couple](#)
3. [Giving When You're Gone](#)