

A New Year...A Steadfast Hope!
Because God Gives – I Can Live Generously
Selected Scripture

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• **God exemplifies g e n e r o s i t y (Ps 104:27-30)**

God gives...

- f r e e l y (Rom 3:24; 1 Cor 2:12)
- l o v i n g l y (John 3:16; Rom 5:8; 1 John 4:9-10)
- w i l l i n g l y (Rom 8:32; Heb 10:5-10; John 12:27-28)
- s a c r i f i c i a l l y (Mark 10:44-45; Gal 2:20-21)
- g e n e r o u s l y (2 Cor 8:9; 2 Pet 1:3)
- God gives H I M S E L F to us!

• **I am to g r o w spiritually and d e v e l o p godly character (1 Pet 1:15-16)**

- In my relationship with G o d (Rom 12:1-2; Eph 4:21-24)
- In my relationship with o t h e r s (Gal 6:10; 1 Pet 2:15)
- That includes an attitude of g e n e r o s i t y (1 Chron 29:14-17; Prov 22:9; 1 Tim 6:18-19)
- *Generosity* = o b e d i e n c e to God in giving of *myself*, my *time*, and my r e s o u r c e s to recipients as God d i r e c t s.

• **Cultivating an a t t i t u d e of g e n e r o s i t y allows me to:**

- *Trust* God as my p r o v i d e r (1 Tim 6:17; 2 Cor 12:8-10; Gen 22:7-8)
- *Overcome* financial f e a r and w o r r y (Matt 6:25-34; Phil 4:10-19)
- *Resist* the temptation of m a t e r i a l i s m (Psalm 112:5-9; Prov 11:24-26)
- *Realize* the j o y of f r e e d o m in Christ (Matt 10:8; Gal 6:7-9; Heb 13:5-6; 1 Pet 2:16)

The *challenge* of living generously...

What could be a better a n t i d o t e to a fearful culture that is hoarding its resources than Christians living a life of generosity? Will I stand u p and stand o u t? It will be n o t i c e d by those around me, more importantly, it will bring notice to the God I say I t r u s t.