MONEY WORRY THE "GENEROUS" BLESSING, PART 2

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Generous people will be <u>blessed</u>. Proverbs 22:9 NCV

A generous person will <u>prosper</u>. Proverbs 11:25

Generosity is more than random acts of giving

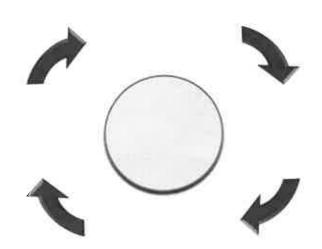
"Generous" Definition: The premeditated, calculated, designated emancipation of personal financial assets.

When you become generous, you will give more, save more, consume less, and be happier.

The Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Acts 20:35

The Crazy Cycle



The consumption assumption: If it comes to me, it's for me.

More money does not eradicate worry

"The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God." Luke 12:16-21

Lessons from the parable of the rich farmer:

- 1. Generous people don't assume it's theirs to consume.
- 2. If it can be taken away, you never really owned it anyway.
- 3. Since it's all going to be taken away, why would you miss the opportunity to give it away?

^{*}All scriptures from NIV unless otherwise noted