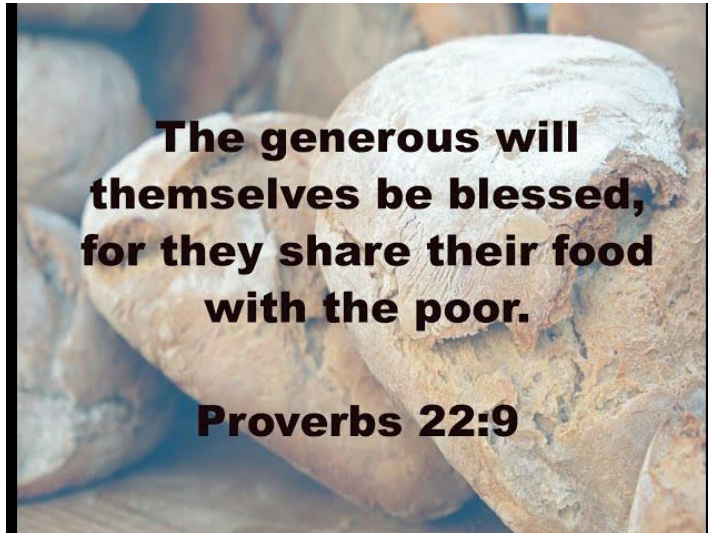


32nd ordinary Sunday Journey to Generosity



A gift is pure when it is given from the heart to the right person at the right time and at the right place, and when we expect nothing in return or without expecting anything in return it's an act of reaching spiritual highness and true humanity. But when it is given expecting something in return, or for the sake of a future reward or a specific type of sentiment in return, the gift is of (impurity). And a gift given to the wrong person, at the wrong time and the wrong place, or a gift which comes not from the heart, and is given with proud contempt, is a gift of darkness."

Why we should we give to others?

Giving is an act of kindness, being generous is an act of kindness. If you have compassionate heart, you give more to this World because the world needs the human's help. Humans need humans help. When you give you feel a mental happiness within yourself and that happiness will last long until your end of your Life. This happiness is cannot be bought with money

Life is short, we don't know when we die. It doesn't matter how long we live in this life but what matters the most is how we lived our life. Therefore, be kind, be generous, and be humble because it adds value to your Life

Once in a village there was a poor man who had nothing but a small patch of land, and despite of his poverty, He always shared a little with others what he had. One day a hungry traveler arrived. The poor man offered him his last meal, moved by his kindness and generosity the traveler revealed himself has a wealthy merchant. Grateful he gave the poor man a bag of gold coins and promised him any way he could. This story helps us that true wealth lies in generosity and compassion.

It is better to give than to receive. Generosity boosts happiness and well-being. Research from Harvard business school found that people who spend money on others report Greater Happiness than those who spend it on themselves. People who Tithe, they tend to be less stressed about money and report higher levels of financial well-being. God wants us to take care of each other. As a matter of fact, we supposed to love Him and Love others like we love ourselves.

Proverbs 22:9 "Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor".
Proverbs 19:17 "whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will repaid in full".

Deuteronomy 15:10 “Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake”.

Acts 20:35 “Remember the words of Lord Jesus, for he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive”.

There is a lot of difference between Growth, Progress and Success.

If you increase the turnover of your company from 4 million to 4 billion, it is called Growth.

If that Growth is aided by Ethics, Ethics means discipline, honesty, norms is called Progress.

So, Growth + Ethics is Progress and that **Progress + Humanity + Generosity + Spirituality is called ‘Success’**. **Money talks but Generosity sings: A symphony of success.**

Giving is very powerful because giving is the nature of **God**. God gave His one and only Son because He loved the world. **Jesus** gave His Glory, His honor, His authority, His body, His wealth, He gave his every drop of his blood, He gave his breath, He gave until He died. God wants us to be generous with each other and give what we have to those who are in need

So, when you give, you are saying, I am like my God, I am imitator of my God, Imitator of Jesus. Giving is the nature of God since you are the Image of God.

There are two kinds of people in the world. Givers and Takers.

Takers may eat better but Givers sleep better.

Takers focus on accumulating themselves, Givers find joy in helping others.

It's in Giving we find true peace and fulfillment. So, let's strive to be Givers in daily lives and experience the restful sleep that comes with generous heart.

Amen.