

w/b 4th August 2019 - Supplementary notes from Tim Cowles on his sermon

TRANSFORMATION – New Generosity - Phil 4

General outline of the sermon on Sunday as you work through the passage.

1. Heart of Generosity

Is motivated from a heart of concern and compassion for others.

2. The Secret of Contentment

We can be freed from strongholds of security in our time, money, resources, comparison because of our identity in Christ means we can be fully content in all situations with what we each have.

3. We can be Generous Givers

The church in Philippi were very generous. In Romans 12:8 Paul describes a gift from the spirit as the 'gift of giving, give generously'. Perhaps, we could pray for the gift of giving?

4. There is an Eternal Perspective with how we are generous

Just a few verses I shared to give context to the eternal perspective - Matt 6:21, Prov 14:31, Prov 19:17, Prov 22:9

Chat through others that you might be aware of.

Overall the bible says it is good to be generous but that it is something for each individual to work through with God.

Challenges:

I was reading 2: Corinthians 9:6-8 and felt God challenge me in the following ways perhaps it would be useful to consider some of these challenges as well.

How often do we partner with God over our offerings?

- On a regular basis do I ask God how he would like me to use my finances, time, resources this month – how could we approach this when the challenges of life hit e.g. finding a balance between looking after the family and the future and offering our time, money and resources to God for his purposes?
- Do we pray (individually, as a couples, as families etc) that what we decide in our hearts to give God would multiply and use for even greater things that we could imagine? (Example of feeding of the 5,000)

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