

GOD'S LAVISH GENEROSITY

GOD GIVES ME LIFE

"The **God who gives breath** to all living things..." Numbers 16:22

GOD GIVES ME ABILITIES TO PROSPER

"Remember the Lord your God, for it is he **who gives you the ability to produce wealth...**" Deuteronomy 8:18

GOD GIVES ME SALVATION

Salvation comes from God. **What joys he gives** to all his people. Psalm 3:8

GOD GIVES ME HIS SON

For God so loved the world, that **he gave his only Son**, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

GOD GIVES ME HIS SPIRIT

God **gives his Holy Spirit** to you. 1 Thessalonians 4:8 TLB

GOD GIVES ME GRACE

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it **is the gift of God**. Ephesians 2:8

GOD GIVES ME WISDOM

If any of you lacks **wisdom**, you should ask God, who **gives generously** to all without finding fault... James 1:5

GOD GIVES ME SPECIAL ABILITIES

God **gives us many kinds of special abilities**. 1 Corinthians 12:4 TLB

GOD WILL GIVE ME MY RESURRECTED BODY

First, then, we have these human bodies, and later on **God gives us spiritual, heavenly bodies**. 1 Corinthians 15:46 TLB

GOD GIVES ME EVERYTHING I NEED

God **richly provides** us with everything for our enjoyment. 1 Timothy 6:17



GRACE, GRATITUDE, AND GENEROSITY

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THIS WEEK

Generosity is the overflow of a heart filled with _____

PEOPLE WHO ARE MORE GRATEFUL GET:

- Better sleep
- Lower blood pressure
- Increased alertness, energy
- Higher levels of joy, love, happiness
- More exercise
- Improved cardiac health
- Better coping with stress
- Are much more generous

(Studies compiled by Dr. Robert Emmons in *Gratitude Works*)

QUESTION

Is there a source of gratitude _____?

Luke 7:36-50

When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said.

"Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

It's not the _____ of your faith, it's the _____ of your faith that matters

THREE CHARACTERS TO LEARN FROM:

1. See Simon as a _____ to _____

2. See the woman as an _____ to _____

Her _____ overflows from _____
for _____

3. See Jesus as the _____ to _____

Simon's faith was a matter of _____

The woman's faith was a matter of _____

How can I "pour out perfume" on Jesus' feet?

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40 (See our generosity projects!)

BOTTOM LINE:

WHEN I SEE HOW JESUS _____ FOR ME

I WILL WANT TO _____ FOR HIM.

RESOURCES

Some content and outline ideas from

- Tim Keller, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York
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