



**MOVING**  
T O W A R D  
**MATURITY**



## HEBREWS 6:1A NIV

<sup>1</sup>Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity.

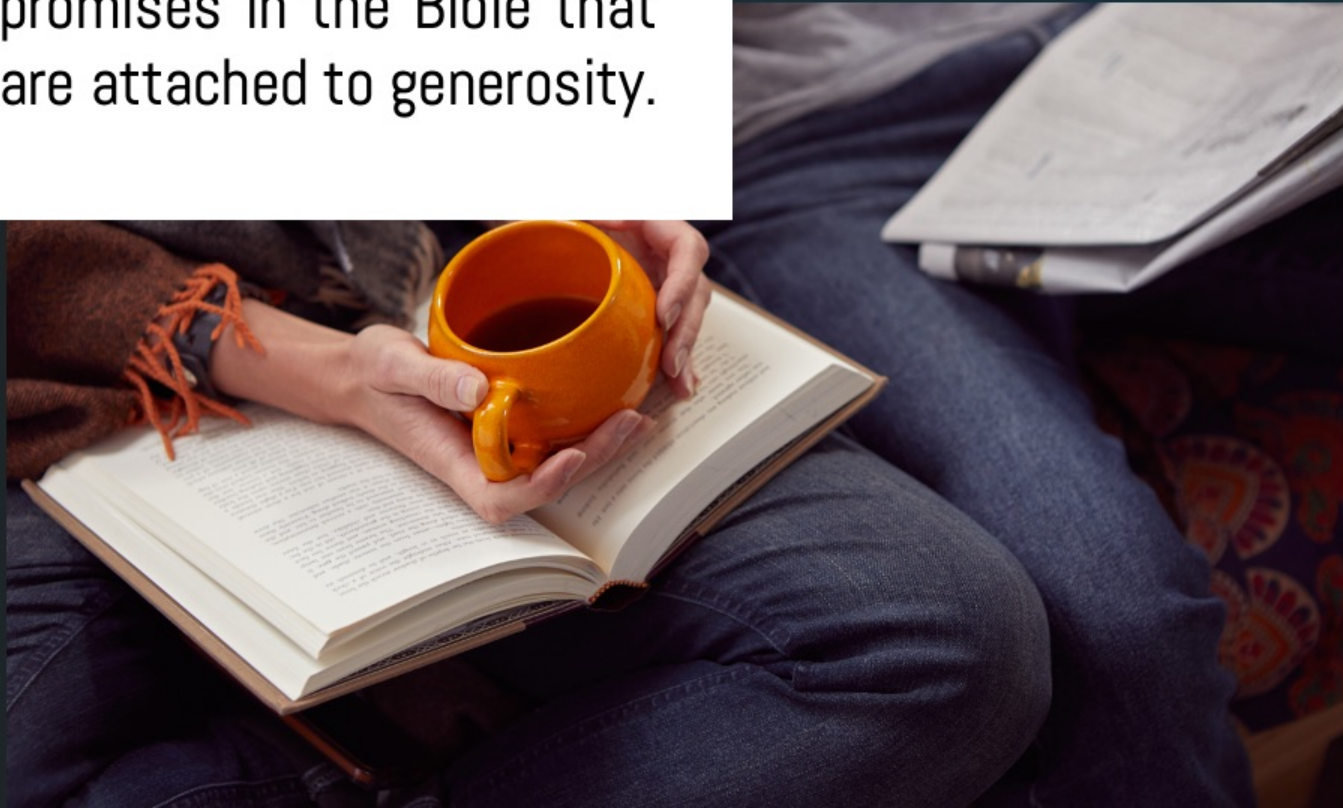




Living a life of generosity and living open-handed isn't just talking about MONEY, it is talking about everything that FLOWS from our lives.



There are almost **7,000** promises in the Bible that are attached to generosity.





Generosity definition:

**ACTIVE LOVE.**



You can give without love,  
but you can't love like  
**JESUS** without giving.



## 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8 NIV

<sup>6</sup>Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup>Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.





It starts with being generous with what you have because generosity is not tied to your RESOURCES, it is tied to your HEART.





## 2 CORINTHIANS 9:10-11 NIV

<sup>10</sup>Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.



As we live open-handed, God will put seeds in our hands so that we can SOW it. That seed will produce a harvest of righteousness and it will result in an enriched life in faith so that other people can give THANKSGIVING to God.





# FIVE PROMISES

THAT ARE ATTACHED TO AN OPEN-HANDED LIFE



Living open-handed is  
the antidote for **GREED.**





## 1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19 NIV

<sup>17</sup>Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be



## 1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19 NIV

generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup>In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.



GREED will grip your heart  
but generosity will FREE it.





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Living open-handed  
brings **JOY** into your life.



## ACTS 20:35B NLT

You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'



**2 CORINTHIANS 9:7B NIV**

God loves a cheerful giver.



The ancient Greek word for cheerful is *hilaros*, and it is used only here in the New Testament. It is the root for our English word HILARIOUS.





Living open-handed come with  
the best **PROTECTION** plan.



## PSALM 112:5-6 TLB

...and all goes well for the generous man who conducts his business fairly.

<sup>6</sup>Such a man will not be overthrown by evil circumstances. God's constant care of him will make a deep impression on all who see it.





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Living open-handed  
**GUARANTEES** God's blessing.

## PROVERBS 22-9 NIV

<sup>9</sup>The generous will themselves be blessed,  
for they share their food with the poor.



## DEUTERONOMY 15:10 NIV

<sup>10</sup>Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.







Living open-handed enlarges  
your INFLUENCE.

## PSALM 112:9 NLT

<sup>9</sup>They share freely and give generously to those in need. Their good deeds will be remembered forever. They will have influence and honor.



We must live as **CONDUITS** of  
what God has placed in our  
hands, not **CONTAINERS**.





How can you this week be more **GENEROUS** with your words, gifts, thoughts towards others, **TIME**, strengths, resources, attention, actions, **WISDOM**, and encouragement?