**Winning – Part 6**

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**Six truths about generosity.**

1. **Everyone wants to be generous.**
2. **Most people think they are generous.**
3. **Most people who think they are generous aren’t.**
4. **No one becomes generous by accident.**
5. **We serve a generous God.**
6. **God wants all his people to be generous.**

**Three ways God calls his people to a life of generosity.**

**God’s people are generous with their time.**

**God’s people are generous with their talent.**

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**Psalm 90:12**

**Teach us to number each of our days so that we may grow in wisdom.**

**Ephesians 5:15-16**

**Look carefully then how you live, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.**

**Colossians 4:5**

**Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.**

**Titus 3:8**

**The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.**

**God’s people are generous with their talent.**

**1 Peter 4:10-11**

**Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.**

**If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.**

**God’s people are generous with their treasure.**

**Acts 20:35**

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

**Isaiah 32:8**

**But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity.**

**2 Corinthians 8:7**

**Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.**

**Leviticus 27:30**

**A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.**

**1 Corinthians 16:2**

**On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned.**

**God watches your generosity.**

**Mark 12:41-44**

**Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on.”**