Fusion Christian Church
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The Generous Life Part 3

1 Kings 5

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master
and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty
man of valor, but he was a leper. **2** Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a
little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. **3** She said
to her mistress, “Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would
cure him of his leprosy.” **4** So Naaman went in and told his lord, “Thus and so spoke the girl
from the land of Israel.” **5** And the king of Syria said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the
king of Israel.”
So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten
changes of clothing. **6** And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, “When
this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may
cure him of his leprosy.” **7** And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes
and said, “Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a
man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me.”
8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he
sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that
he may know that there is a prophet in Israel.” **9** So Naaman came with his horses and
chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. **10** And Elisha sent a messenger to him,
saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you
shall be clean.” **11** But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, “Behold, I thought that
he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God,
and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. **12** Are not Abana and Pharpar, the
rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be
clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage. **13** But his servants came near and said to
him, “My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he
actually said to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” **14** So he went down and dipped himself seven
times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored
like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.
15 Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood
before him. And he said, “Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel;
so accept now a present from your servant.” **16** But he said, “As the LORD lives, before whom
I stand, I will receive none.” And he urged him to take it, but he refused. **17** Then Naaman
said, “If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from
now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD. **18** In
this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of
Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon,

when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter."
19 He said to him, "Go in peace."
But when Naaman had gone from him a short distance, 20 Gehazi, the servant of Elisha
the man of God, said, "See, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not
accepting from his hand what he brought. As the LORD lives, I will run after him and get
something from him." 21 So Gehazi followed Naaman. And when Naaman saw someone
running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him and said, "Is all well?" 22 And
he said, "All is well. My master has sent me to say, 'There have just now come to me from
the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. Please give them
a talent of silver and two changes of clothing.'" 23 And Naaman said, "Be pleased to accept
two talents." And he urged him and tied up two talents of silver in two bags, with two
changes of clothing, and laid them on two of his servants. And they carried them before
Gehazi. 24 And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand and put them in
the house, and he sent the men away, and they departed. 25 He went in and stood before
his master, and Elisha said to him, "Where have you been, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your
servant went nowhere." 26 But he said to him, "Did not my heart go when the man turned
from his chariot to meet you? Was it a time to accept money and garments, olive
orchards and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male servants and female servants? 27 Therefore
the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever." So he went out
from his presence a leper, like snow.

- **A Generous Life starts with the heart.**

Matthew 6:20-24
"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

- **The Gospel renews my our heart**

John 3:1-6
Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly,

truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Ezekiel 36:25-27
I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

- **Our heart should be focused above**

Philippians 3:17-21
Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

- **Our heart determines our generosity.**

2 Corinthians 9:7-15
The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; 89+6his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they[f] will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!