

Raising Your Spiritual IQ Part 7

The Principle Of Generosity

My Generosity Will Not Be Defined By

...after a while the brook dried up, for there was no rainfall anywhere in the land. 1 Kings 17:7

"I tell you the truth," Jesus said, "this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them. For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has." Luke 21:3-4

**There is no correlation between the size of my supply and the size of my heart.
I can be generous even when I'm poor**

Now, I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. 2 Corinthians 8:1-4

Then the Lord said to Elijah, "Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. I have instructed a widow there to feed you." So he went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the gates of the village, he saw a widow gathering sticks, and he asked her, "Would you please bring me a little water in a cup?" As she was going to get it, he called to her, "Bring me a bite of bread, too." But she said, "I swear by the Lord your God that I don't have a single piece of bread in the house. And I have only a handful of flour left in the jar and a little cooking oil in the bottom of the jug. I was just gathering a few sticks to cook this last meal, and then my son and I will die." 1 Kings 17:8-12

My Generosity Will Be Based On _____

But Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid! Go ahead and do just what you've said, but make a little bread for me first. Then use what's left to prepare a meal for yourself and your son. For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: There will always be flour and olive oil left in your containers until the time when the Lord sends rain and the crops grow again!" 1 Kings 17:13-14

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a

blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! **Malachi 3:10**

Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. **Proverbs 11:24**
My Generosity Is _____

God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7**

They worshipped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's supper and shared their meals with great joy and generosity. **Acts 2:46**

They were filled with abundant joy, which overflowed in their rich generosity. **2 Corinthians 8:2**

Jesus said, ``Watch out! Don't do your good deeds ... to be admired by others ... **Matthew 6:1-2**

What I have is ALL God's and is to be used for Him

God doesn't just give To you, God gives THROUGH you so others will be blessed

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have what you need and plenty left over to share with others. **2 Corinthians 8:8-9**

My Generosity _____

My Generosity Reveals _____

For God so loved the world, He GAVE His only Son ... **John 3:16**

He who did not spare His own Son, but GAVE Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him, graciously GIVE us all things? **Romans 8:32**

The godly are generous givers. **Psalms 37:21**

Give and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full - pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over and poured out into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back. **Luke 6:38**

My Generosity Is _____

Prayer

O Lord, grow my spiritual IQ. Increase my compassion. And sculpt from my stony, selfish heart the greater beauty of generosity. Amen.