

A LIFESTYLE OF “JESUS” GENEROSITY



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Titus 3:5-6

“A Lifestyle of ‘Jesus’ Generosity”

The economic crash of 2008 was essentially a spiritual problem of unregulated greed and uncontrolled selfishness, the dark side of the free market enterprise. The antidote to the poison of greed is a “lifestyle of ‘Jesus’ generosity.” Paul writes in Titus 3:5-6 **“he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saves us through the washing of rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit, who he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, having been justified by grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”** Note the word used for how God pours out the Holy Spirit on us: generously - not begrudgingly or hesitantly, but generously! He is the God of all generosity and lavishness.

Jesus gave up the comforts and joys of triune eternal companionship to enter into the messiness of living with sinful broken humanity. Jesus came to share a new vision for living with humility, compassion, generosity and mercy. He demonstrated his generosity by getting involved in making things right here on earth. Jesus generously gave his life for the sake of God’s Kingdom of justice and righteousness on earth as it is in heaven. He risked his life for God’s redeeming work in the world in obedience to God’s call on his life!

Generosity is at its core a lifestyle! It is not enough for the church to talk about generosity, nor is it enough for individual Christians simply to commit to being generous. What makes generosity a real and powerful witness to God’s love is our generous lifestyle in action.

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