

Give Generously, Even
When You're Broke

Romans 12:9-6

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•⁹ *Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.* ¹⁰ *Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;* ¹¹ *not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;*

Romans 12:9-16

- ¹² rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; ¹³ distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.
¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Romans 12:9-16

- 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

Give Money Generously (Verse 13)

- ¹³ When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. (NLT)
- Generous giving does not mean big money, but a heart and love for God and others.

Give Money Generously (Verse 13)

- Exodus 35:22 - ²² They came, both men and women, as many as had a willing heart, *and* brought earrings and nose rings, rings and necklaces, all jewelry of gold, that is, every man who *made* an offering of gold to the Lord.
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- Exodus 36:5 - ⁵ and they spoke to Moses, saying, “The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the Lord commanded *us* to do.”

Give Money Generously (Verse 13)

- Giving abundantly is not about abundance
- Love costs. We need to be ready to sacrifice to be a blessing (Don't limit this to money)

Give Money Generously (Verse 13)

- We should always give within our means.
- Deuteronomy 16:17 - ¹⁷ Every man *shall give* as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you. - There should always be proportional giving.

Give Money Generously (Verse 13)

- Be desirous of help others especially your brothers and sisters in Christ.
- Acts 4:34-35 - ³⁴ Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, ³⁵ and laid *them* at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.

Give Generously with Your Time (Verses 9-13 & 15)

• ⁹ Love is to be sincere *and* active [the real thing—without guile and hypocrisy]. Hate what is evil [detest all ungodliness, do not tolerate wickedness]; hold on tightly to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another with [authentic] brotherly affection [as members of one family], give preference to one another in honor; (AMP)

Give Generously with Your Time (Verses 9-13 & 15)

- 13 ... pursuing [the practice of] hospitality. (AMP)
- 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice [sharing others' joy], and weep with those who weep [sharing others' grief]. (AMP)
- You cannot love quickly, disciple quickly, or share life quickly.

Give Generously with Your Time (Verses 9-13 & 15)

- People hate it when the Pastor talks about money, but many hate it just as much, if not more, when he talks about service.
- ¹¹ never lagging behind in diligence; aglow in the Spirit, *enthusiastically* serving the Lord; (AMP)

Give Generously with Your Time (Verses 9-13 & 15)

- Ephesians 5:15-16 - ¹⁵Therefore see that you walk carefully [living life with honor, purpose, and courage; shunning those who tolerate and enable evil], not as the unwise, but as wise [sensible, intelligent, discerning people], ¹⁶making the very most of your time [on earth, recognizing and taking advantage of each opportunity and using it with wisdom and diligence], because the days are [filled with] evil. (AMP)
- What can I do with my time that will honor God and bless others?

Be Generous with Your Faith (Verses 14 & 16)

- ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you [who cause you harm or hardship]; bless and do not curse [them]. (AMP)
- ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty [conceited, self-important, exclusive], but associate with humble people [those with a realistic self-view]. Do not overestimate yourself. (AMP)

Be Generous with Your Faith (Verses 14 & 16)

- Matthew 10:7-8 - ⁷ And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.
- The keyword here has nothing to do with miracles, it is the word *preach*.

Be Generous with Your Faith (Verses 14 & 16)

- Colossians 4:5-6 - ⁵ Conduct yourself with wisdom in your interactions with outsiders (non-believers), make the most of each opportunity [treating it as something precious]. ⁶ Let your speech at all times be gracious *and* pleasant, seasoned with salt, so that you will know how to answer each one [who questions you]. (AMP)