

## **Lesson 4 – The GENIUS of Generosity**

Lessons learned on the journey of generosity:

- 1. It's all from God and it's all for God.
- 2. Don't accumulate possessions, accumulate experiences.
- 3. You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.
- 4. After you count the blessing, flip the blessing.
- 5. God doesn't bless us to raise our standard of living: He blesses us to raise our standard of giving. Stop setting GETTING goals and start setting GIVING GOALS.
- 6. **Wise men come bearing gifts.** Proverbs 18:16 A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before great men!
- 7. You can't outgive God!

John 6 and 7 The feeding of the 5,000

## Two laws:

Law of measures: You reap what you sow. You get out what you put in.

**Law of treasures:** "Do not store up treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, where thieves break in and steal. Store up for yourself treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." **Matthew 6:19-21** 

Money issues are trust issues. Money issues are also heart issues.

**2 Corinthians 8:7** "Since you excel in everything, in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness, in the love that we have kindled in you, see that you also excel in the grace of giving."

## Four levels of generosity:

Level 1 Giving spontaneously.

Level 2 Giving consistently.

Level 3 Giving proportionately.

Level 4 Giving radically.

If we do little things like they're big things, God's gonna do big things like they're little things.

Generosity is not measured by how much you give. It's measured by how much you KEEP.