

**Blessings
of a
Generous
Heart**



STEWARDSHIP

A Lifestyle of Partnership With God

Growing:

God
Working
In And
Through Us

Serving:

Allowing
God To
Use You

Giving:

Managing
God's
Resources

Becoming Good Stewards

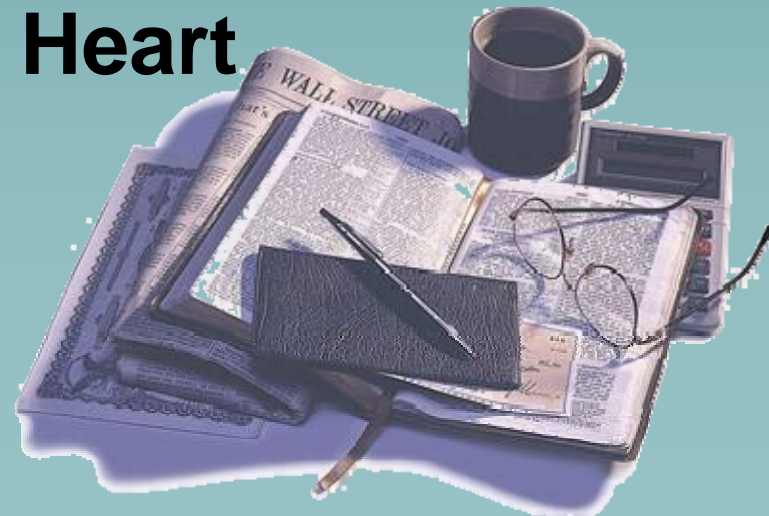


**It is All About
the Heart**



Our Four Hearts

- **Dealing with a Selfish Heart**
- **Dealing with a Grieving Heart**
- **Developing a Grateful Heart**
- **Developing a Generous Heart**



Treasures

- Where is Your Treasure?
- Where God Wants Our Treasure to Be



Principle of 1st Fruits

Giving in faith before we see the blessing is what triggers the blessing

Reasons NOT to Be Generous

- Because you feel guilty if you don't volunteer or give;
- Because you feel pressured by others to do so;
- Out of grim duty or religious exercise.



Reasons TO Be Generous

- **Because God speaks to your heart;**
- **In Joyful gratitude for God's blessings in your life;**
- **To bless and help bring people into God's Kingdom;**



Only You and God Know Your Heart

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



Does God Bless Generosity?

Mal 3:10 - “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test Me in this”, says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of Heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”



Bottom Line on Generosity



God does not need us to be generous – we need God's blessing of a grateful and generous heart.