I am generous, because I serve a generous God!

John 3:16 NIV

For God so loved the world that he **gave** his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

To live a generous life I...

...Must leverage the Law of Planting & Harvest

2 Corinthians 9:6 NLT Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.

Proverbs 3:9-10 ESV

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the **first** fruits of all your produce; **then** your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

... Must give with the right attitude

2 Corinthians 9:7-9 NLT

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give **reluctantly** or in response to **pressure**. "For God loves a person who gives **cheerfully**." And God will generously provide <u>all you need</u>. <u>Then</u> you will always have everything you need and <u>plenty left over to share with others</u>. As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever."

Matthew 6:21 NIV

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Provision Giving:

I give so that my <u>needs are met</u>, my <u>life is blessed</u>,

and to enable me to be generous with others!

... Can't forget it all comes from God!

2 Corinthians 9:10-11a NLT

For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous.

...Will choose to make a difference!

2 Corinthians 9:11b-12 NLT

And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.