

James 1:17 NIV

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights,  
who does not change like shifting shadows.

**Blessed:** To enjoy God's favor

**Blessing:** Anything that God gives, puts, or allows in our lives that makes us more fully satisfied in him

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 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. 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 all you need.

Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give *generously* to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever."

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*.

And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

The path to a blessed life begins with a generous heart!

### 3 Parts of a Generous Heart:

#### A different mindset

Proverbs 11:24-25 NIV

One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

#### A decision to be cheerfully generous

Luke 6:38 NIV

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. *For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.*

#### A desire for more

Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV

Now to him who is able to do *immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine*, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations for ever and ever!  
Amen!

Numbers 6:24-25 NIV

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.