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Shocking Standard – Intentional Generosity
 Pastor John Wiley
 January 26, 2014



:00	Jesus is our benchmark for generosity
1:15	Intentional Generosity: Kindness on Purpose
1:50	Generous with encouragement, generous with time, generous with resources
3:00	Question Poll what prevents you from being intentionally generous? 1. Fear 2. Mind-set of lack 3. Selfish 4. Seeing others as undeserving
4:10	What are we afraid of when we see others as undeserving? 1. I don't want to help unthankful people that I have prejudged to be unthankful 2. I don't want to help lazy people, especially those that are prone to make bad decisions
5:45	Luke 6:27 – But I say to you who hear: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.
7:42	Be intentionally generous towards your enemies
8:13	“do” good, not just good thoughts...”faith without works is dead”
9:05	Luke 6:30 – Give to everyone (does that include the unthankful?) who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. And as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.
11:00	Luke 6:35: Love your enemies and do good and lend hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.
13:15	If Jesus has a reward for you, we should want all of it. We like the promise of rewards but not price that it takes
14:00	“And you will be sons of the Most High” = And this will be evidence that you belong to me.
15:50	How do we pull this off?
16:10	Luke 6:35:”For He (God) is kind to the unthankful and evil.” Therefore, since He can do it, we can do it.
19:15	Jesus willingly suffered at the hands of evil people so that he could love them.
19:45	Luke 6:38 – Give (to the unthankful and evil, not just the nice and loving) and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over will be poured into your bosom. For with the measures you use (to the unthankful and evil) it will be measured to you.
21:25	Luke 6:47 – Whoever comes to Me, and hears my sayings (what I'm telling you about how to treat the unthankful and evil) and does them, I will show you whom he is like: “He is like a moan building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the storm beat vehemently against that house Where do the storms come from? Evil and unthankful people. God is saying that when you treat them as I just outlined (giving generously) when the storm comes you will not be moved, you will be standing on the Rock – you won't be shaken.
23:05	Luke 6:49 – But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.

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24:00	In the past I've not done this, but I'm going to change and get this right and I'm not going to only love those who love me back.
Rapid Fire Verses	
24:30	1 Peter 2:21 For to this you were called because Christ also suffered for us leaving us an example that you should follow his steps.
25:40	He was very kind to an evil an unthankful person and that was you and he suffered greatly for doing it and as his followers; we are not excluded from this.
25:55	"It's the New Normal" to suffer at the hands of unthankful and evil people for the sake of doing the right thing.
26:05	When we are truly living out kingdom values it really is normal to suffer for doing good.
26:42	John 13:14-15 – If I then your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example that you should do as I have done to you.
27:30	Philippians 2:3-5 – let nothing be done out of selfish ambition or vain conceit but in but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only to your own interests but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus
28:52	Proverbs 11:25 – The generous soul shall be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself.
29:06	Proverbs 22:09 – He who has a generous eye will be blessed. For he gives of his bread to the poor.
30:30	Proverbs 11:24 – There is one who scatters (meaning one who gives things away) yet increases more; and there is one who withholds more than is right but it leads to poverty.
31:55	Isaiah 32:8 – but a generous man devises generous things. He's got an eye for it and he plans it out.
33:00	Prayer
34:15	Letter Responses
34:55	Why is it so hard to be kind to the unthankful and evil?
35:15	Letter One: It seems to be human nature that we want recognition for our good deeds and our kindness. However, we're told by Jesus that when we receive this kind of praise we have already received our reward in full. When we are kind to unthankful and evil people we are given an opportunity: we are setting ourselves apart. We're acting like Christians (Christ-like). Acting like anyone else is really just acting like the world. Being kind without thanks is a discipline in humility.
37:10	Letter Two: I have been a part of some of the foulest sinning. I remember how I thought and I felt at that time. And I can love evil people because I can remember those times. I remember how it was not knowing any better and not wanting to know any better.
38:49	Letter Three: I have learned that being kind in the face of cruelty doesn't change the other person it changes me.
39:30	Letter Four: loving my enemies is like playing a piano or any other instrument or sport. The more you practice the better you get. Especially as you see it change the lives of others you see it come in contact with.
40:00	Letter Five: "Distain for the Man on the On-ramp" I drove by a man about 2 months ago on

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63rd and something told me "He is hungry" but I kept driving. About 2 hours later I saw him again on my way home. So I took every penny I had in change from my purse it may have been \$5 or so and stopped to give it to him. There was something different in his eyes and as he took the money I told him he should come to church on Sunday, I told him that any church would do but I gave him the name of The River. His reply was sweet and simple "Thank you for caring about more than just a physical need, I have a church, I'm just out of propane and am trying to keep warm, I just lost my job, but this will help to keep me warm tonight."

He thanked me again, and you know I've never seen him back on the corner since. Sometimes I think God places 'people' in places to see if His children are willing to love their neighbor. Not seeking Him is the biggest barrier to my not being generous like him. By Seeking Him He always seems to lead me to giving, and enlarging my heart in the process. My biggest obstacle to not being generous like Jesus is that I do not go out and intentionally seek for opportunities to be generous.

I need to be proactive and not so much reactive. I find it's easier to sit and wait for the needy to come to me only to judge their motives when they do.

Wendy Messina

Generosity, let me tell you about how generosity can bring a family closer together and closer to the Lord. Most of you know our story, we were living in a hotel, and we were blessed to be placed in a house. Our past due bills paid so we could get the utilities turned on in our name. Furniture to fill the house, a van to fit all of us. Prayer over us and with us. When the van broke down the generosity of a donation to help fix it came.

My husband and I began a closer walk with God when we met those who willingly gave with no intention other than showing God's love. Our marriage is stronger than its ever been in 15 years, our children are happier than I've ever seen them. As a family we are stronger than we've ever been, our love for God is deeper and more satisfying with each day that passes and it all started by the generosity of those who love others the way God intended for us too. Some days I think that a thank you for this is never enough, other days God reminds me to pass on the love that was passed on to us and in doing so its a simple thank you to those who helped me and my family because I'm passing on the same love they showed me in whatever way I can.

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