

Developing a Heart Like God's A Generous Heart 1 Samuel 30; 2 Samuel 9 & 1 Chronicles 29

David had an incredibly generous heart. He didn't live like a hermit; he didn't give everything he had away, yet he had a generous heart.

Three Facets of a Generous Heart

1. **Generous hearts focus more on the _____ of others than their own sense of personal discontent (1 Samuel 30:21-25)**

Understanding the situation:

Observation: Just because God assures the victory, you may still have to _____
(1 Samuel 30:8)

Notice the connection between:

- David's _____ toward God
- David's _____ toward others

Application:

- Regularly spend time _____ on the generosity of God in your life. Express your thanksgiving to Him!
- Get a firm grip on the difference between _____ and _____

**2. Generous hearts look for opportunities to _____
not just to _____ (2 Samuel 9:6-11)**

We make a living by what we _____, we make a life by
what we _____

Whenever I give of my time, my talents, or my treasure, I
am really giving a little part of _____

Application:

- Regularly look for ways to give yourself away to others.
Hint: It's even more fun when you do it in secret!

**3. Generous hearts increasingly find their _____
in giving (1 Chronicles 29)**

David's perspective: It's not my _____ (10-14)

Observations about their giving:

- It was _____ (9, 17)
- It was _____ (3-4, 7-8)
- It was _____ (5-6, 8)

Application:

- Regularly remind yourself who the _____
- Refuse to buy into the lie that true happiness only comes
from _____

Generosity will mark a heart like God's!

Making It Personal

Spend a few moments expressing gratitude toward God for His many blessings in your life by writing out some of those blessings:

What will it look like for you to ramp up the generosity factor in your life? What are some specific next steps that you could take to break the grip of greed in your life and cultivate a heart of generosity?