MULTIPLY #6

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multiply (verb): to make more of or become greater; progressive growth in size, amount, or intensity.

"The servant given one thousand said, 'Master, I know you have high standards and hate careless ways, that you demand the best and make no allowances for error. I was afraid I might disappoint you, so I found a good hiding place and secured your money. Here it is, safe and sound down to the last cent.' The master was furious. 'That's a terrible way to live! It's criminal to live cautiously like that! If you knew I was after the best, why did you do less than the least?" Matthew 25:24-27 MSG

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"For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it." магк 8:35 ESV
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EXPERIENCING GOD = EXPERIENCING GENEROSITY
"For the LORD God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory.
The LORD will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right. O LORD of
Heaven's Armies, what joy for those who trust in you." Psalm 84:10-12
GOD =
"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by <u>Your generous Spirit</u> ." Psalm 51:10-12 NKJV
GOD =
God can <u>pour on the blessings in astonishing ways</u> so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. As one psalmist puts it, "He throws caution to the winds, <u>giving to the needy in reckless abandon</u> . His right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out." ² Corinthians 9:8-9 MSG
GOD =
RICH IN EVERY WAY

"This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in

every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God." 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 MSG

MULTIPLYING MATERIAL BLESSINGS: A WHOLE NEW WORLD

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped." Proverbs 11:24-25 MSG GENEROSITY IS THE
"All the believers were together and had <u>everything in common</u> And <u>the Lord added</u> to their number daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:44, 47 NIV GENEROSITY IS THE
"But a generous man devises generous things, and by generosity he shall stand." Isaiah 32:8
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"He who has a <u>generous eye</u> will be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor." Proverb
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"The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of wisdom." Proverbs 10:21
GENEROSITY IS MY
"Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gif and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints." 2 Corinthians 8:1-4
You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35 NLT

FOR DISCUSSION:

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IS THE MAIN OBSTACLE TO BEING GENEROUS?
WHAT IS THE SECRET TO LETTING GO OF THE MATERIAL IN GENEROUS WAYS?
WHY DOES GENEROSITY PLEASE THE FATHER SO MUCH?
WHERE CAN YOU BEGIN TO START PRACTICING GENEROSITY?