

<u>Sermon Notes – Steve Southards – 03/10/2024</u>

Acts 20:35 NIV

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

1 Timothy 6:17-18 NLT

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others.

1 Timothy 6:19 NLT

By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

Generosity Mindset #1: I am Blessed to Bless

Generosity Mindset #2: Generosity Multiplies

Matthew 14:14-21 NLT

Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. That evening the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "That isn't necessary—you feed them." "But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish!" they answered. "Bring them here," he said. Then he told the people to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he gave the bread to the disciples, who distributed it to the people. They all ate as much as they wanted and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers. About 5,000 men were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children!

5 loaves + 2 fish + the power of God = THOUSANDS