

The Joy of Living a Generous Life – Pt 3 of 3
It's All About The HEART!
Joy Offering Sunday
Matthew 7:1-2, Deuteronomy 15:7-15 (NKJV)
Pastor Harlyn – 5.14.2023

Matthew 7:1-2 “Judge not, that you be not judged. ²For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”

Luke 6:37-38 “Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”

Matthew 6:21 (Jesus) “Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also.”

Deuteronomy 15:7-8 “If there is among you a poor man of your brethren, within any of the gates in your land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother, ⁸but you shall open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs.”

4 Steps to Begin Living a Generous Life:

1. Deal with a _____ Heart

Deuteronomy 15:9 “Beware lest there be a wicked thought in your heart, saying, ‘The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand,’ and your eye be evil against your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry out to the LORD against you, and it become sin among you.”

2. Deal with a _____ Heart.

Deuteronomy 15:10 “You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the LORD your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand.”

_____ attacks us before we give AND _____ attacks us
after we give.

Psalms 24:1 “The earth is the LORD's and all of its fullness.”

3. Develop a _____ Heart

Deuteronomy 15:14 “You shall supply him liberally from your flock, from your threshing floor, and from your winepress. *From what* the LORD your God has blessed you with, you shall give to him.”

We are born _____ . We are born again _____ .

4. Develop a _____ Heart

Deuteronomy 15:15 “You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you; therefore I command you this thing today.”

LOOK IN:

1. How has this series affected you? Positively or negatively? Why?
2. Selfish is natural. Selfless is supernatural... what shows up most in your life?
3. Have you experienced grief after you've decided to give in this Joy Offering? What does that tell you about yourself?
4. Can you remember back to what you were like BEFORE you were saved? How have you 'gotten over' getting saved?