



GENEROSITY ACTUALLY LEADS TO ABUNDANCE.

Proverbs 11:23-28

The desire of the righteous ends only in good, the expectation of the wicked in wrath. ²⁴ One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. ²⁵ Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered. ²⁶ The people curse him who holds back grain, but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it. ²⁷ Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor, but evil comes to him who searches for it. ²⁸ Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.

Abundance and generosity...

- If God does not exist, then it's all **pointless** – 11:23

Bertrand Russell: "There is darkness without, and when I die there will be darkness within. There is no splendor, no vastness, anywhere; only triviality for a moment, and then nothing. Why live in such a world? Why even die?"¹

- If God does exist, then my life can build into a **legacy** of something magnificent – 11:23 *The desire of the righteous ends only in good, the expectation of the wicked in wrath.*
- Abundance **follows** generosity; fear and greed lead to **deficits** – 11:24-26 *One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. ²⁵ Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered. ²⁶ The people curse him who holds back grain, but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.*
- Abundance is about far more than **finances** – 11:28 *Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like a green leaf.*

Roadmap to building a legacy of abundance and generosity...

- Surprised: What in the world!?
- Sporadically and randomly tip God.
- Started somewhere and now giving consistently.
- Started tithing (10%).
- Shaped by the Gospel: giving above and beyond the tithe.

...Generosity is a heart condition not a financial situation.

¹Bertrand Russell, *Autobiography* (New York: Routledge, 1967, 1998), 393.