Life Notes **Cross Training**
Dr. Curtis McGinnis **Living Generously**

Don't Be a _____,

Live with Open-Handed _____

Mark 12:41-44 *Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."*

2 Cor. 8:1-2 *Now I want to tell you, dear friends, what God in His kindness has done for the churches in Macedonia. 2 Though they have been going through much trouble and hard times, their wonderful joy and deep poverty have overflowed in rich* ***generosity****."*

What happens when we live Generously?

From Social Science

- More _____
- Greater Meaning and _____
- Reduces _____
- Makes us _____ See Acts 20:35
- Lowers _____
- Extends our _____

From Scripture

1. **Helps grow my** _____

Mt. 6:19-21 "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Isaiah 40:31 But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles.

2. **Key to a _____**

1 Timothy 6:17-19 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. **18** 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. **19** By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

3. **Reminds me that everything belong to _____**

Psalm 24:1 The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

Haggai 2:8 "The silver is mine and the gold is mine' declares the Lord Almighty"

Deut 8:18 "remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth…"

4. **Helps support the ministry of Bear Creek and**
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2 Cor. 9:8, 11 And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous.

2. Cor. 8:14 Right now you have plenty and can help those who are in need. Later, they will have plenty and can share with you when you need it.

5. **Allows me to be a part of God's _____**
   to Advance God's _____ and _____

Philemon 1:6 " You are generous because of your faith. And I am praying that you will really put your generosity to work, for in so doing you will come to an understanding of all the good things we can do for Christ."