MY GENEROSITY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Difference Maker - Part 3

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**Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)**   
 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.  But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

3 lessons from Jesus' teaching on generosity:

* Money is a **Tool**
* Money is a **Test**
* Money is a **Trust**

DIFFERENCE MAKER PRINCIPLE

My consistent giving makes an eternal difference!

HOW TO BE A DIFFERENCE MAKER THROUGH MY GENEROSITY

1. Believe that **God Will Bless**  my generosity

**Acts 20:35 (NLT)**   
... You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

**Matthew 6:33 (CEV)**   
But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well.

2. **Automate It Weekly**

**1 Corinthians 16:1-2 (NIV)**   
Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do.   
On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income

**2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NIV)**   
Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)**   
 But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

3. **Celebrate God Using\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** my generosity>

**2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT)**   
 For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

How My Generosity to My Church Makes an Eternal Difference:

* **It makes a difference to new believers**
* **It grows the faith of mature believers**
* Local Church Ministries
* **It enables community ministries**
* **It makes me more like God**