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Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:17 (NIV)

The Gift of Generosity

They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11 (NLT)

1. It's _____ to be generous

And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Acts 20:35 (NLT)

2. Generosity has its _____

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25 (NLT)

⁶ Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. ⁷ You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." ⁸ And God will generously provide all you

need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NLT)

3. Our generosity should be _____ at times.

So the believers in Antioch decided to send relief to the brothers and sisters in Judea, everyone giving as much as they could.

Acts 11:29 (NLT)

4. Generosity is part of the character of _____

⁷ He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. ⁸ He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

Ephesians 1:7-8 (NLT)

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Receive Jesus, the most generous gift ever given, as my Savior.
- Practice generosity, by taking everyday opportunities to bless others lives.
- Rejoice for the ways that generosity has blessed my life
- Meditate on and/or memorize Acts 20:35