

**NORTHERN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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**THE GENEROUS EYE**

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*"He who has a generous eye will be blessed." Proverbs 22:9*

*"Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured in return." Luke 6:3:8*

**LIFE LESSON #1: WHAT I THINK I OWN IS REALLY ON LOAN**

**THREE RESPONSES TO GOD'S BLESSINGS**

**1) PRIDE**

*"Because You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. Revelation 3:17*

**2) SHAME**

*Then Jacob prayed, "...O Lord, who said to me...I will make you prosper,' I am unworthy of all the kindness and faithfulness you have shown your servant." Genesis 32:9-10*

**3) HUMILITY**

*"...clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5 NIV*

**LIFE LESSON #2: REMEMBER WHY GOD BLESSED YOU**

*"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus. It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:32-35*

*"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. Whoever sows generously will also reap generously." 2 Corinthians 9:6*

*"Heaven and earth will pass away but My Words will never pass away." Matthew 24:35*

*"Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust don't destroy. And where thieves can't break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:20*

*"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11,*

**BECAUSE GOD HAS BLESSED US WITH MORE, WE WILL INTENTIONALLY GIVE MORE.**

**THREE TYPES OF GIVERS**

• **THE SPONTANEOUS GIVER**

*The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' Luke 10:35*

• **THE STRATEGIC or PERCENTAGE GIVER**

*But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity. Isaiah 32:8 NLT*

• **THE SACRIFICIAL GIVER**

*"Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. 43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything — all she had to live on." Mark 12:41-44*