



"AS ONE" UNITY IGNITES "AS ONE" GENEROSITY

Kenny Luck

Generous: (of a person) showing a readiness to give more of something than is strictly necessary or expected.

"This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God." 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 MSG

WHAT IS GOD'S GOAL WITH US?

_____ TAKES OVER _____

"The same glory you gave me, I gave them, so they'll be as unified and together as we are—I in them and you in me. Then they'll be mature in this oneness, and give the godless world evidence that you've sent me and loved them in the same way you've loved me.." John 17:22-23 MSG

UNITY IGNITING GENEROSITY: "WHAT HAS GOTTEN INTO THEM?"

WE SEE _____ GENEROSITY

"They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers. Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person's need was met. They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved." Acts 2:42-47 MSG

WE SEE _____ GENEROSITY

"One day at three o'clock in the afternoon, Peter and John were on their way into the Temple for prayer meeting. At the same time there was a man crippled from birth being carried up. Every day he was set down at the Temple gate, the one named Beautiful, to beg from those going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and

John about to enter the Temple, he asked for a handout. Peter, with John at his side, looked him straight in the eye and said, "Look here." He looked up, expecting to get something from them. Peter said, "I don't have a nickel to my name, but what I do have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!" He grabbed him by the right hand and pulled him up. In an instant his feet and ankles became firm. He jumped to his feet and walked." Acts 3:1-8 MSG

WE SEE _____ GENEROSITY

"The whole congregation of believers was united as one—one heart, one mind! They didn't even claim ownership of their own possessions. No one said, "That's mine; you can't have it." They shared everything. The apostles gave powerful witness to the resurrection of the Master Jesus, and grace was on all of them. And so it turned out that not a person among them was needy. Those who owned fields or houses sold them and brought the price of the sale to the apostles and made an offering of it." Acts 4:32-35 MSG

WE SEE _____ GENEROSITY

During this time, as the disciples were increasing in numbers by leaps and bounds, hard feelings developed among the Greek-speaking believers—"Hellenists"—toward the Hebrew-speaking believers because their widows were being discriminated against in the daily food lines. So the Twelve called a meeting of the disciples. They said, "It wouldn't be right for us to abandon our responsibilities for preaching and teaching the Word of God to help with the care of the poor. So, friends, choose seven men from among you whom everyone trusts, men full of the Holy Spirit and good sense, and we'll assign them this task. Meanwhile, we'll stick to our assigned tasks of prayer and speaking God's Word." The congregation thought this was a great idea. They went ahead and chose—Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, Nicholas, a convert from Antioch. Then they presented them to the apostles. Praying, the apostles laid on hands and commissioned them for their task. The Word of God prospered. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased dramatically." Acts 6:1-7 MSG

GOD'S DESIRE = _____

WHY GENEROSITY IS FOR EVERY BELIEVER

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped."

Proverbs 11:24-25 MSG

EVERY BELIEVER _____

Jesus said, "You have been treated generously, so live generously." Matthew 10:8 MSG

EVERY BELIEVER _____

FILL-INS

HIS CHARACTER/OUR COMMUNITY

RELATIONAL

SPIRITUAL

MATERIAL

SOCIAL

OUR UNITY IGNITES SUPERNATURAL GENEROSITY

WANTS TO LIVE IN GOD'S BLESSING

WANTS TO LIVE OUT GOD'S PURPOSE