



Is this your Reality?



**This is God's Word for my life in this place and at this time.
Today I am a new creation in Christ, I am God's very own,
And I believe he has a purpose for my life.**

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "*Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.*"



[Jesus] said to them,

"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."



And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'



"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "*You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.*" '



But God said to him,

'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'



“This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.”

Luke 12:13-21



The Reality of Generosity



Gen·er·ous

\ 'je-nə-rəs \

To be characterized by a noble or forbearing spirit

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Re·al·ist

\ree-uh-list\
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a person who tends to view things as they really are

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***A Monopoly reality creates
an ego-centric world.***

*Jesus does not criticize his wealth,
but his arrogance*

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Generosity is the thermometer of your spiritual life

Fever – produced by a hectic life leading to burnout

Hypothermia – unmoved by the cries and needs of others, cold

Normal – balanced life of gratitude, grace, and generosity

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**Reality consists of sharing
what you cannot keep.**

Our giving reflects the Spirit of Christ in us.

Our generosity reflects our world view.

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A Christ-centered Reality

“Don't let it bother you when others get rich and live in luxury. Soon they will die and all of their wealth will be left behind. We humans are praised when we do well, and all of us are glad to be alive. But we each will go down to our ancestors, never again to see the light of day. Our human glory disappears, and, like animals, we die.”

Psalm 46:16-20 (msg)

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