

Generosity – A Key To Happiness

“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” – Acts 20:35



Research Agrees With The Lord

- *What Giving as a Lifestyle Can Do for Your Health, Happiness, More: (Robert Morris)*
 - **Generosity makes us healthy**
 - **Generosity makes us happy**
 - **Generosity lowers our stress**
 - **Generosity improves our relationships**
 - **Generosity extends our lives**

Generosity Brings Prosperity and Refreshing

“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.” – Proverbs 11:25



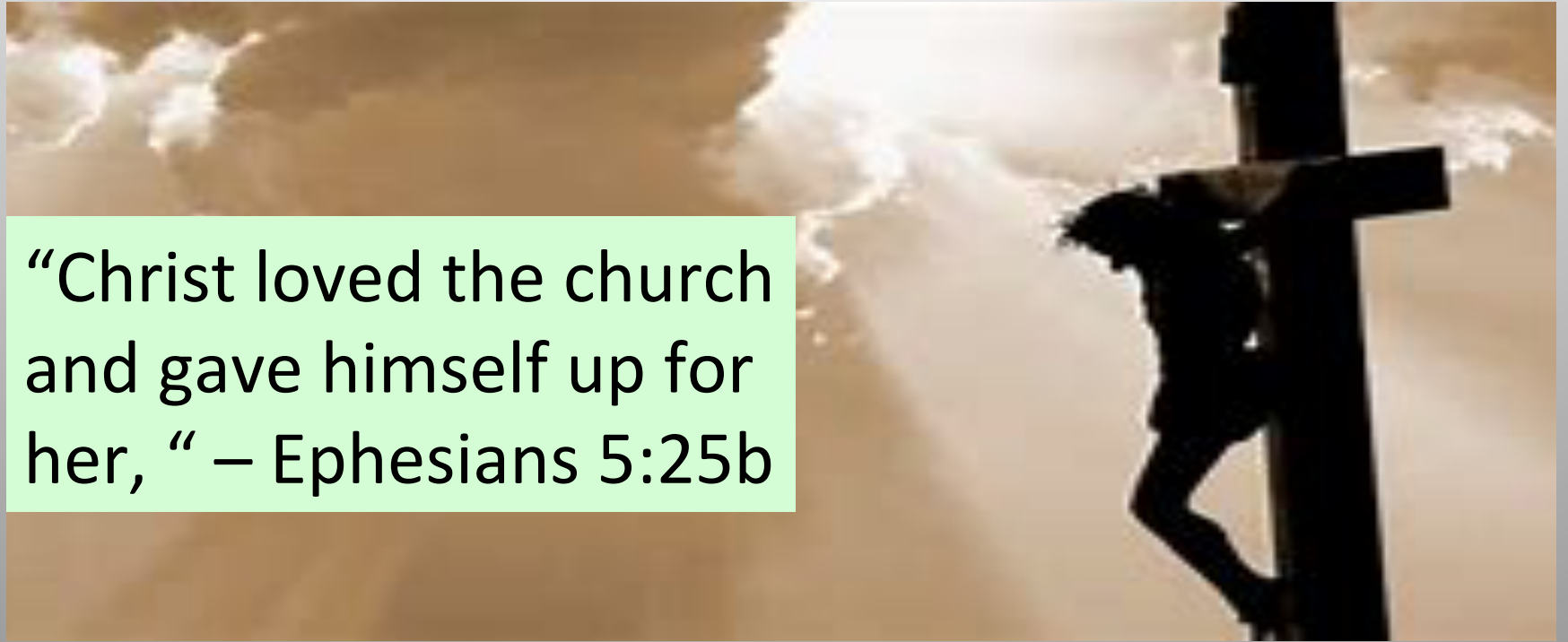
The Heavenly Father Gave Generously

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” – John 3:16



Christ Gave Generously

“Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, “ – Ephesians 5:25b



God Teaches Us To:

Be generous

Give to the poor

be content

Help those in need

When we do these things, all that we need will be available to us.

Seek His kingdom and His righteousness first

Do not get too attached to wealth and the material things of this world.

WHY IS THIS SO HARD?

We Deal With A Selfish Heart

“Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, ‘The seventh year, the year of release is near,’ and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the Lord against you, and you be guilty of sin.” – Deut. 15:9



“For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.” -- James 3:16

We Deal With A Grieving Heart



“You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.”
Deut. 15:10

We Need A Generous Heart

“You shall furnish him liberally out of your flock, out of your threshing floor, and out of your winepress. As the Lord your God has blessed you, you shall give to him.+
Deut. 15:14



- “You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.”

II Corinthians 9:11