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### **Character: Make Room For More**

**1 John 2:6** - *Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.*

**Philippians 4:9** - *Keep **putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing.** Then the God of peace will be with you.*

**Luke 6:38** - *Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together **to make room for more**, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”*

**Proverbs 11:24** - *Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything.*

**We're To Give Generously, Promptly, And Running Over.**

**Acts 9:36-42** - *There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas). **She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor.*** <sup>37</sup> *About this time she became ill and died. Her body was washed for burial and laid in an upstairs room.* <sup>38</sup> *But the believers had heard that Peter was nearby at Lydda, so they sent two men to beg him, “Please come as soon as possible!”* <sup>39</sup> *So Peter returned with them; and as soon as he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. **The room was filled with widows who were weeping and showing him the coats and other clothes Dorcas had made for them.*** <sup>40</sup> *But Peter asked them all to leave the room; then he knelt and prayed. Turning to the body he said, “Get up, Tabitha.” And she opened her eyes! When she saw Peter, she sat up!* <sup>41</sup> *He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then he called in the widows and all the believers, and he presented her to them alive.* <sup>42</sup> *The news spread through the whole town, and many believed in the Lord.*

**Proverbs 19:17** - *If you help the poor, you are lending to the LORD— and he will repay you!*

**Generosity Is The Overflow Of The Love Of God In A Person's Heart.**

- 1. Practicing Generosity Increases Our Ability To Respond Quickly And Naturally.**
- 2. Practicing Generosity Goes Against The World's Culture.**

**Hebrews 13:16** - *And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.*

**Philippians 4:18** - *At the moment I have all I need—and more! I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. **They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God.***

**James 1:27** - *Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means **caring for orphans and widows in their distress** and **refusing to let the world corrupt you.***

**Outward Rituals Can't Replace Outward Righteousness, Church Attendance Can't Replace Serving Others.**

**Deuteronomy 15:10-11** - *Give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the LORD your God will bless you in everything you do. <sup>11</sup> There will always be some in the land who are poor. That is why I am commanding you to share freely with the poor and with other Israelites in need.*

