



“Starts with Your Heart”

Luke 19: 1 – 10

Where does Living, Giving & Loving Generously start? We will discover today that generosity *starts with your heart*. Jesus’ encounter with Zacchaeus changes his heart from greed to generosity.

Take special notice to Verse 10 - *“For the Son of man has come to seek and to save the lost.”* Jesus’ words sum up the entire Bible. God is on a big ‘search & rescue’ mission for alone and fallen mankind. In this encounter, Jesus removes Zacchaeus’ aloneness and rescues his fallenness, and the result was Zacchaeus becoming an ‘over-the-top’ generous man.

To Live, Give, & Love Generously starts with a Heart. What kind of Heart?

- A Heart which _____ Jesus’ Love. – See Vs. 3 – 4

Zacchaeus was *“trying to see who Jesus was;”* He was searching to *“see Jesus.”*

God has a promise if you search & explore His Son; He promises in **Jeremiah 29:13** – *“You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.”*

- A Heart which _____ Jesus’ Love. – See Vs. 5 – 6

- A Heart which _____ Jesus’ Love. – See Vs. 8

“Zacchaeus stood there...” – he did not just hear about Jesus’ love; he experienced His love personally.

How have you experienced the Love of Jesus? – His acceptance, forgiveness, attention?

• **A Heart which _____ Jesus’ Love. – See Vs. 8**

Notice the Transformation :

- He began Living Generously – *“I’ll give... I’ll pay back”*
- He began Giving Generously – *“I’ll pay back 4 times as much”*
- He began Loving Generously – *“I’ll give half of my possessions to the poor”*

2 Corinthians 8: 5 describes what occurred in Zacchaeus’ heart. He *“gave Himself first to the Lord and then”* gave generously to others.

Where can you get a Heart like this? – John 3: 7 – the New Birth encounter with Jesus.

WORKING THE WORD CHALLENGES:

- Living, Giving & Loving Generously starts with our hearts. **DISCUSS today’s sermon with a partner or group.** Where are you in your heart’s response to Jesus’ love? (*Are you Exploring, Embracing, Experiencing, or Expressing His love?*). Share your personal ‘born again’ story.
- **Read daily the Word.** Consider using the devotional guide to accompany the generosity sermon series. Pick one up or Click [HERE](#).
- **Commit to memory Luke 19: 10.** Reflect on Jesus’ search and rescue mission for you; He is actively pursuing you. Prayerfully consider WHO in your daily traffic-pattern may Jesus be searching to rescue.

“Jesus, Thank you for rescuing me! I sense you are searching to rescue _____ . I want to join You in your loving pursuit by sharing the hope within me, for I pray in Your name, Amen.”

KEY – Explores, Embraces, Experiences, Expresses