Alderwood Community Church March 11, 2018

Being Generous and Willing to Share

A Legacy of Compassion – Part 2 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (Page1177 or 1195-1196)

<u>Big Idea</u>: Generosity toward others is the only proper response to God's generosity toward us.

1. _____ we have comes from God. (6:17)

"For who makes you different from anyone else? <u>What do you have that you did</u> <u>not receive?</u> And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?" <u>1 Corinthians 4:7</u>

2. God is generous with us, so that we can be ______ with others. (6:18)

"For we are God's workmanship <u>created in Christ Jesus to do good works</u>, which God prepared in advance for us to do." <u>Ephesians 2:10</u>

"Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Luke 12:33-34

Sermon Questions:

1. In what ways has God been extravagantly generous with us?

2. Where do you get your ideas on how to handle your time, money, talent, and resources?

3. Read **1 Timothy 6:17-19**. Paul instructs followers of Christ to be generous with everything God has blessed them with. Do you believe Christians today are as generous as Paul expected? Why or why not?

4. Share a time when you saw a real need in someone's life, and wanted to help, but felt you weren't financially able. Read **Acts 20:35**. Share a time when you were able to experience this biblical truth for yourself.

5. What stands out to you most from the sermon about being generous?

6. In what ways did Jesus exemplify generosity, and how closely do your personal levels of generosity align?

7. What would have to change in your life to be the kind of Christ-follower who sees a need and is able to act generously? What practical steps do you feel you could take this coming week to become a more generous follower of Christ?