

A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's foot in a dark, rugged hiking boot with a thick, treaded sole. The boot is positioned on a rocky, gravelly path. In the background, a wooden cross stands on a grassy hill under a cloudy sky. The overall scene suggests a journey or pilgrimage.

# The Path

**Part 4**

**Giving Generously**

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# The Path

- **Worshipping Weekly**
- **Gathering In A Group**
- **Serving On A Ministry Team**
- ***Giving Generously***
- **Living On Mission**
- **Sharing Near and Far**



# Giving Generously

- **Time:** Limited and precious, We all have the same amount
- **Talent:** The abilities and gifts God gives each of us
- **Treasure:** The money and finances we are given
- **Gospel:** The message of God's grace to a lost world

**Steward:** *Someone who manages another persons goods, property, estate, business and/or finances.*



# **GG Is About An Attitude Of Overflow** **NOT A Calculation of Amount.**

- **Grace:** Undeserved favor
- **Overflowing Joy:** Abundance, exceeding in amount, happiness
- **Circumstance:** Severe Trials and Extreme Poverty
- **Rich Generosity:** Overflowing liberality, Full and open hand



# The “Rich Generosity” Equation

$$(AG + OJ) \times (ST + EP) = RG$$

**AG = Attitude of Grace**

**OJ = Overflowing Joy**

**ST = Severe Trial**

**EP = Extreme Poverty**

**RG = Rich Generosity**



# **GG Is An Attitude Of Exceeding My Ability** **And Tapping Into God's Supply**

- **FIRST:** They gave UP to their ability
- **THEN:** They gave BEYOND their ability

***The question is NOT what is MY ability. It is what is GOD'S ability through me! Not how much can I do, but what can HE do!***

***“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we could ever ask or imagine...”***

**Eph 3:20**



# GG Is An INTERNAL Motivation, Not An EXTERNAL Manipulation

- **Origin:** Entirely on their own
- **Desire:** They urgently pleaded to give
- **Action:** First they gave themselves

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your reasonable act of worship.”*

*Rom 12:1*



## Apply The Equation:

- Time: *“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.”* Col 4:5
- Talent: *“But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.”* 1Co 12:18
- Treasure: *On the first day of every week, each of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income”* 1Co 16:2
- Gospel: *“On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel.”* 1Th 2:4

$$(AG + OJ) \times (ST + EP) = RG$$



# Questions for Today...

- **When you think of giving...is it ONLY money?**
- **What is YOUR Attitude toward giving?**
- **What equation are YOU using?**

