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An Uncommonly Generous Church: A Call for Uncommon Generosity

Bible Study for June 11th and 18th 2020 WORD For Life Church Ministries Rev. Larrin Robertson, Pastor

### Lesson objective

To understand what uncommon generosity is and how we can engage in its practice.

### Over two lessons, we will:

- 1. Define uncommon generosity
- 2. Discover what informs uncommon generosity
- 3. Learn Jesus's principled statements about money

Uncommon generosity occurs as we exceed expectations in the areas of financial gifts, hospitality, and presence. We go beyond the norm to demonstrate God's graces in this world for all people. Acts of uncommon generosity are our acts of faith.

- Rev. Larrin Robertson

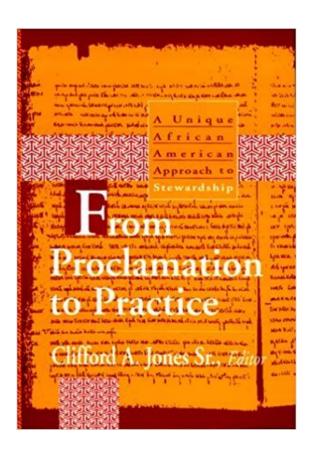
## From Generosity to Uncommon Generosity

### From:

- Natural inclination
- 2. Regard for social norms
- 3. Commonality
- 4. Equal giving

### <u>To:</u>

- 1. Faith-informed
- 2. Uninhibited by social norms
- 3. Highest and best use
- 4. Equal sacrifice



# From Proclamation to Practice: A Unique African American Approach to Stewardship

Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Editor (Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press) 1993

### Uncommon Generosity in Practice

Acknowledges God's ownership

Lev 27:26-34

Reverences God's holiness

Deut 14:22-29

Demonstrates wealth in God

Luke 12:13-21

Recognizes God's potential

Acts 3:1-10

...from ownership to stewardship

## **Uncommon Generosity and Money**

Some of what Jesus had to say about money and generosity

- Give people what they ask for (Matt 5:38-42).
- What you do with money reveals the condition of your heart (*Matt 6:19-21*).
- Gifts of faith are more valuable than gifts of convenience (Matt 12:41-22).

### Uncommon Generosity and Money (cont'd.)

More of what Jesus had to say about money and generosity

- Be satisfied/content with what you earn (*Luke 3:12-14*).
- How we manage money reveals trustworthiness of God's graces (*Lk 16:1-13*).
- Failure to sacrifice reinforces an allegiance to material goods (*Lk 18:18-25*).

# **Questions?**

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