I Will Build My Church PART 5: THE CHURCH'S GENEROSITY

Acts 4:32-5:11

Our love to God is measured by our everyday fellowship with others and the love it displays.

- Andrew Murray

I. Sincere Generosity

II. Hypocritical Generosity

Small Group Study Questions

Into the Bible:

1. In the Old Testament under the Mosaic law giving was mandatory and very specific—the tithe, a tenth of all that God had blessed you with. (Leviticus 27:30-34) Although this could still be a good principle for giving, in the New Testament giving is not mandated. Jesus is harshly critical of the Pharisees for their strict adherence in their actions but their lack of a proper motivation. How should we approach the issue of giving? (Luke 6:38, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

2. In a teachable moment while in the temple Jesus makes clear to his disciples that generosity is not measured by the size of the gift. (Luke 21:1-4) Ananias and Sapphira seem not to have learned this. How does Jesus measure the generosity of the gift in the passage cited?

3.	God's sufficiency in providing all of our needs is a promise we depend on. Sometimes we are called on to be agents of that provision. When a brother or sister in Christ has needs, what is to be our role? (James 2:15-16, 1 John 3:16-17, 1 John 4:19)

For Families:

4. Talk with your children about why we give to our church.