

WHEN GENEROUS PEOPLE BECOME FOOLISH GIVERS

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(Proverbs 22:9)

The church has ingrained in our minds that we should be givers. The Bible encourages us to give. However, if you give **WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING** how to give according to the principles of the Kingdom of God you will be disappointed. It is very easy for a generous person to become a foolish giver.

Being generous does not mean giving everything away. It does not mean giving people what they need. Keep this in mind. Just because people are in need it does not mean they are ready to receive.

There are many people who need a job. However, everyone is **NOT READY** to receive an opportunity. Many people need to change their ungodly ways. However, most of them are **NOT READY** to change their lives.

When you give a person more than what they asked for you have become a foolish giver. Generosity is not giving a person what you think they should have. Generosity is giving a person what they **ASKED** for.

Take notes from your Heavenly Father. Your Heavenly Father is extremely generous. If you study how God expresses His generosity you will understand that He will **ONLY GIVE YOU WHAT YOU ASKED FOR.**

If you ask God for a piece of bread do not complain when He does not give you a drink of water. **GOD'S GENEROSITY IS NOT BASED ON GIVING YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED. IT IS BASED ON GIVING YOU EVERYTHING YOU ASKED FOR.**

Matthew 7:7 says, "*Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be opened.*"

WHEN PEOPLE DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW TO
BE GENEROUS THEY WILL BECOME FOOLISH
GIVERS!

Here's what I mean...

A foolish giver will give an individual **MORE** than what they can handle. Too much of a good thing can hurt people!

For instance, when it rains for one day, the grass is moisturized, the trees are replenished and the air is cleansed. However, if it rains for ten days and nights the streets are flooded and the sewers are clogged.

In this particular scenario there is nothing wrong with the water. There's something wrong with the **VOLUME** of the water. Too much of a good thing will do more harm than good.

THE LAW OF GENEROSITY

(Proverbs 22:9)

Proverbs 22:9 says, "*generous people will be blessed.*"

When you do not **LEARN** how to be generous you will prevent yourself from receiving the blessings of God. God looks down on people who **REFUSE** to help someone who is **REACHING** out for help.

When someone is **ASKING** you for guidance it is your responsibility to answer the call. Generous people do not turn away someone who is asking for help.

Generous people do not harden their heart toward someone who is **ASKING** them for compassion. Generous people do not close their hand to someone who is reaching for their hand.

**GENEROUS PEOPLE ANSWER THE CALL
WHEN THEY ARE BEING CALLED UPON!**

Here are 5 reasons why generous people end up becoming foolish givers:

- Generous people become foolish givers because they give **MORE** than what people ask for.
- Generous people become foolish givers because they give based on what they have. They **DO NOT** give based on what the person can handle.
- Generous people become foolish givers because they allow their **EMOTIONS TO GUIDE THEM** instead of their wisdom.
- Generous people become foolish givers because they ignore a vital Kingdom principle. **NEVER FEED A CLOSED MOUTH!** Did Jesus share the Gospel with people who did not want to hear it? **NO**.
- Generous people become foolish givers because they give what people need instead of what they asked for. If

a person does not ask for something, they **DO NOT WANT IT.**

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