

# Living Generously:

## Giving All We Have and Are Back to God

**G**enerosity. It's a big word that is all about a big action: giving something to someone else — and not just giving something to someone else but giving it willingly and gladly. That means giving it with a happy heart and not expecting anything in return.

God made this biggest act of generosity when he gave us Jesus. We see that described in John 3:16, a verse many of us know by heart. The New Living Translation says this:

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

Can you imagine that? God loved you and me so much that he gave us Jesus, his one and only Son, so that you and I can have eternal life with him. Wow!

When we choose to accept that gift and believe in Jesus, we're given the gift of eternity with God. Even though you and I are sinners and don't deserve eternal life, God gave us that amazing gift! Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (NLT).

Now it's our turn to give a gift back to God. But how can we do that, when God gave us the greatest gift of all through Jesus?

We give ourselves to him.

Yup, you read that right! We give him us!

There's a lot the Bible has to say about giving ourselves to God. But basically, it all can be summed up by giving ourselves to him — our words, thoughts and actions. Everything that we are is already his, and so we should give it all back to him freely and with a happy heart!

So whether you're cleaning up your room or making your bed ...

Or helping your parents make dinner ...

Or listening to your teacher at school ...

Or giving money and food to the poor ...

Or reading the Bible and praying ...



All of that can be done as a gift back to God. Isn't that great? God gives the opportunity to make our entire life a gift back to him. And we should do just that in response to the greatest gift God has ever given us: Jesus Christ!

**So what are some practical ways you can give yourself to God?**

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