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Acts 20:35 (NIV) - *It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

Learning #1: Deciding to be generous will lead to a more complete life.

Luke 12:16-21 (NLT) - *Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.' Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"' "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?' "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."*

Matthew 6:19-20 (NLT) - *Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.*

Matthew 6:33 (NLT) - *Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.*

Learning #2: Deciding to live open handedly opens our hands to God's blessings.

Proverbs 21:26 (ESV) - *All day long he craves and craves, but the righteous gives and does not hold back.*

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV) - *Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.*

Malachi 3:10 (NLT) - *Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!*

Learning #3: Living with open hands is a decision to live with open hearts.

Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT) - *The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?*

Matthew 6:21 (NIV) - *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

Luke 16:13 (NLT) - *No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.*

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV) - *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*