



# GENEROUS LIVING

ALL OF ME  
IN RESPONSE TO ALL OF HIM

**M**any times our fears exceed our faith. We just can't comprehend that God will do what He promises.

A mother of two teenagers stood in my office. She said that one daughter didn't mind giving, but the other one was not so convinced that she should give so much of her money away. Her daughter had said, "Mom, if I give all of this money back to God I won't have much money left to buy a dress for the spring banquet. I just don't understand why I have to give both a tithe and then an offering." Her mom replied, "Sara, always remember that less is more when you give in faith to God." "Fine, I'll do it then!" she responded as she turned and stormed off.

A few days later, Sara reminded her mother that the banquet was just days away and that they needed to go shopping for a dress. They went to a local department store. While in the parking lot, Mom asked, "Honey, how much money do you have?" With a forlorn look, Sara responded, "After giving tithe and offering, I only have \$13 to my name. I'm sure I won't find anything for that amount!" Mom asked, "Are you looking for something in particular?" "Oh yes, I'm looking for an elegant, orange colored dress," Sara answered excitedly. Mom was

certain that they probably could not find anything like Sara wanted that they could afford.

Once in the store, they started to search through different racks for fancy dresses. They were all very expensive. Mom then noticed that in the clearance section was a beautiful dress that looked just like what Sara had described to her. "Sara, look at this dress! It's the color you wanted, and it's only \$10."

Minutes later, Sarah was sitting in the car with a new dress and change to spare. It was just the right fit, the right color, and the right price! "Mom, I can't believe it!" Sara explained in disbelief. "God's promise really is true!"

Titling is like that. To find out for yourself what kinds of blessings it brings to your life, become a fearless and generous giver. The greatest thing in the world is for you to experience a successful Christian life with Jesus as the owner and you as His steward. Live Generously, Live Happy. Living generously is All of You in Response to All of Him.

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“For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11