

SERIES: THE POWER OF GENEROUS HABIT!

MESSAGE: WHEN THE HEART MEETS THE

(... When Jesus GAVE; He didn't LOSE...)

#1 JESUS WON

blessing," barak, is repeated 330 times in the Old Testament. It means to bless the one who blesses you.

in NT, the predominant use —*makarios ... which is MORE than HAPPY*

SO the POWER of GENEROUS is really that we are BLESSED

WHEN WE'RE FORGIVEN; WE SHOULD BE FOR GIVING

Genesis 4:6 **ESV** **6** The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? **7** If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."

#2 GIVE GOD YOUR BEST

God is not my WAITER; God is my WORTH!

(Abel gave his BEST)

Genesis 4:4 **NIV** And Abel also brought an offering--fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering,

HIS OBEDIENCE COST HIM HIS LIFE

#3 THE FIRST 10% IS BEST (nobody's saying just give God 10% then do whatever you want!)

Genesis 14:17-20 **ESV** **17** Then after his return from the [1]defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) **19** And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; **20** and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" **And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.**

Hebrews 7:4, 15-174 **NLT** Consider then how great this Melchizedek was. Even Abraham, the great patriarch of Israel, recognized this by giving him a tenth of what he had taken in battle.

15 This change has been made very clear since a different priest, who is like Melchizedek, has appeared. **16** Jesus became a priest, not by meeting the physical requirement of belonging to the tribe of Levi, but by the power of a life that cannot be destroyed. **17** And the psalmist pointed this out when he prophesied, **"You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek."**

When I Give I'm not just Giving TO JESUS, I am BECOMING LIKE JESUS!!!!

