

“Life’s Too Short... To Be Selfish”
Proverbs 11:24

Many people don’t know they’re sick. They look fine, have no symptoms, no cough, cold, aches or pain, and yet they are dying every day. What ails them is worse than hypertension, more invasive than cancer and has wiped out more generations than the Black Plague. It is called selfishness. Today, we examine God’s prescription for this age-old problem.

1. Take a Hand Exam

Characteristics of an open-handed person

- Generosity
“One man gives freely...”
- Abundance
“... yet gains even more.”
- Confidence

Characteristics of a tight-fisted person

- Stinginess
“... another withholds unduly”
- Inadequacy
“... but comes to poverty.”
- Insecurity

2. Try a Hand Exchange

- Move from stingy to generous
“Just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” 2 Corinthians 8:7

- Move from inadequacy to abundance

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously...” 2 Corinthians 9:6

- Move from insecurity to security

*“Therefore I will tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?”
Matthew 6:25*

“Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33

“A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord.” Leviticus 27:30

Conclusion

- How will I choose to live?