

Topic: Proper Humanity – Generous (Lesson 123)

Note: The practical applications provided in the lesson are offered as suggestions to help the saints in their preparation. They are not meant to direct or limit the ways in which the focus of the lesson can be applied. The saints are encouraged to pray and contact the Lord to receive His burden and guidance in teaching and applying the lesson. Fellowship with other saints, and inquiring of the children themselves, may also bring out many helpful applications.

Elementary:

Verse: “...God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7c).

Focus: To be generous is to be giving and kind. We do it cheerfully!

Practical Application: Consider discussing some examples with the children of being generous. Suppose you are playing in the sand with your toys and another child does not have any to play with, what would you do? Would you share your toys? If you have a box of snacks and your friend is hungry, would you be willing to share your snacks? To be generous is to be kind to others and to give cheerfully.

Intermediate:

Verse: “...It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35c).

Focus: We should be those who earnestly desire to give to others, not desiring to receive from others.

Practical Application: If we are generous, we should be giving to others, not desiring to receive from them. For example, children typically receive a lot from their parents. Consider asking the children, “What if, instead of expecting your parents always to give you what you want (toys or the latest game), you gave something to your parents?” Ask the children what they could give to their parents. For example, they could give hugs, their time, their help to tidy up the house, their patience, a thank you card, etc.

Advanced:

Verse: “Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, they will give into your bosom. For with what measure you measure, it shall be measured to you in return” (Luke 6:38).

Focus: The way God’s people handle possessions is to give and not to hoard.

Practical Application: God gives us many good things. Out of what we receive we can give some to God and to others in need. We give not only our money but also our time by volunteering to help those in need, even those who are not in the church. Consider telling the story of the poor widow in Mark 12:41-44.