

SOFT HEARTS ARE GENEROUS



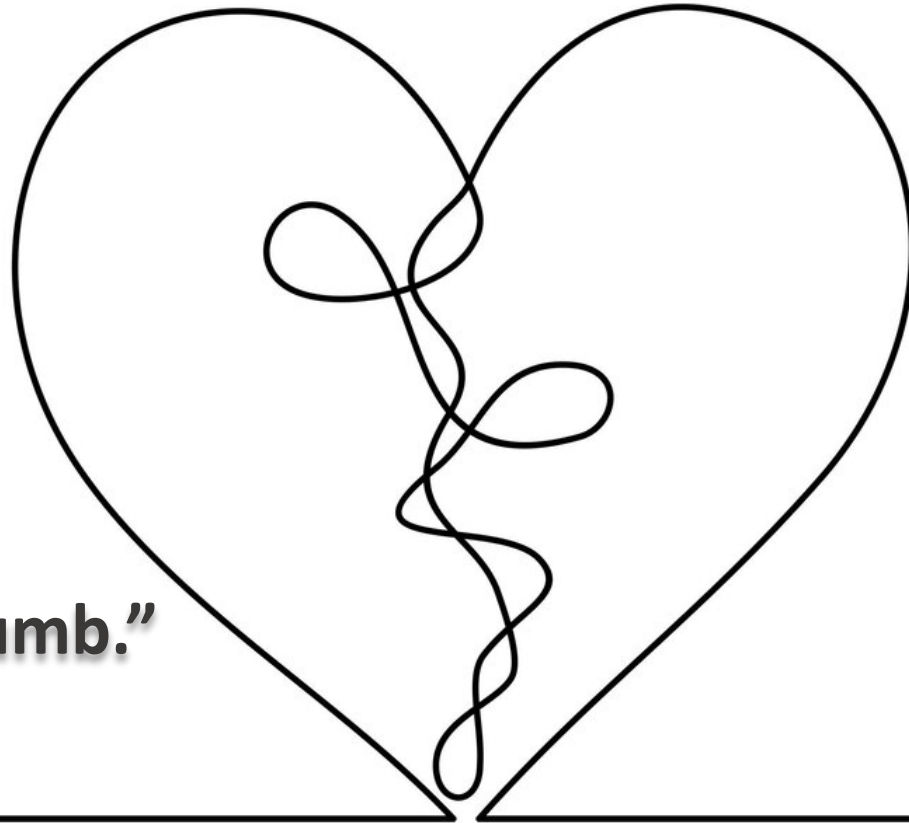
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THE HEART ...



Proverbs 4:23 Guard our Hearts

HEART | Thoughts and feelings; the seat of our most basic orientation, our deepest commitments — **what we trust and love the most**



“It is imperative that we do not become numb.”

Ephesians 4: hardness of their hearts... desire for more and more.*[a]* *with greediness*

- death ears
- blind eyes
- no understanding

God can create in us a soft heart!

THE SOFT HEART . . .

Has the Fear of God

Loves the Word

Forgives

Dead to self and selfless

Builds the Kingdom

Trusts God

Is humble

Seeks Jesus in ALL

Heart that Prays

Do not judge unjustly

Repents

Loves

Allows grace to flow

Thankful and content

Regards others higher

Walks in the Light

Bears the fruit of the Spirit

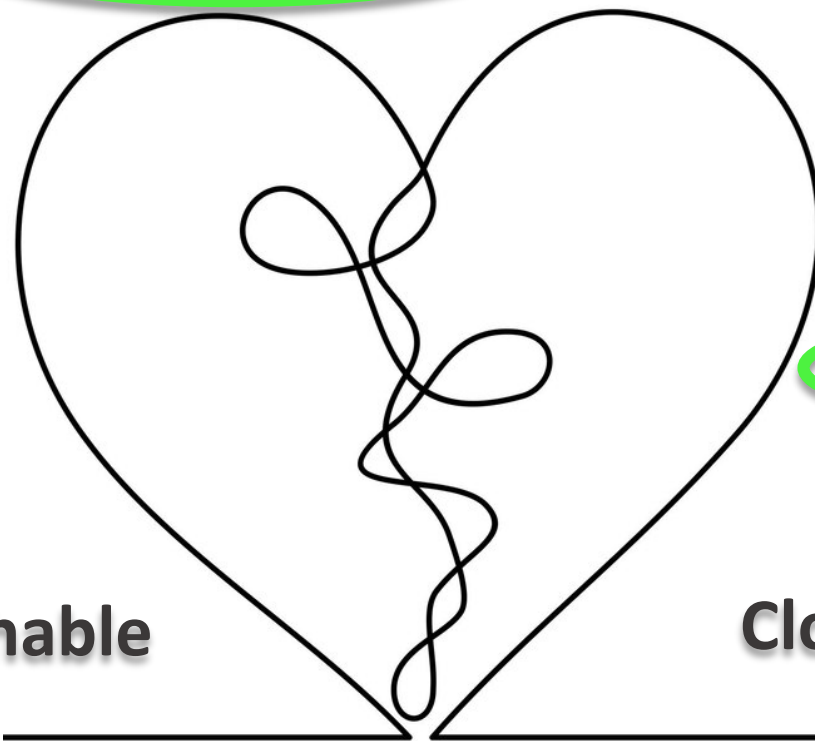
Obedient to Jesus

Walks in accountability

Led by the Holy Spirit

Close to God

Submissive and teachable

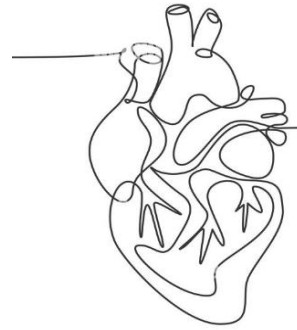


Generosity is the quality of being kind and unselfish, especially as it pertains to sharing of what is valuable to you with others. Time, money, means, gifts etc.



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John 3:16 NIV

For God so loved the world that he gave
his one and only Son, that whoever
believes in him shall not perish but have
eternal life.

1. Generosity:



- God is generous and we were made in His image and likeness
- We are like our heavenly Father
- He gave us life
- Invited us into His world
- We stuffed up and gave it away... We can become family, children of God, through grace and generosity
- Gave us Jesus
- He gave us His Spirit and the Body of Christ, His church...
- We see that all we have is His grace gifts and we should be thankful for His generosity

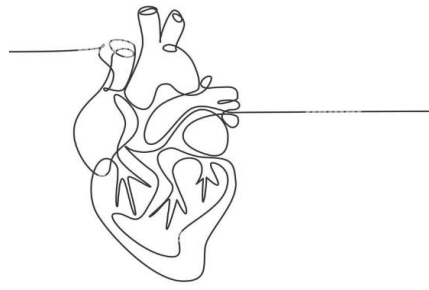
Our God is generous! Generosity is costly...

“I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc, is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes them.” — CS Lewis, Mere Christianity



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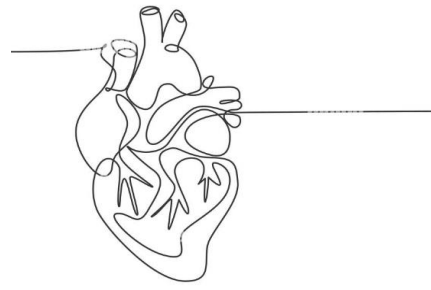
2. Soft Hearts are Generous:



Have you been truly generous this year?

Would you like to grow in generosity?

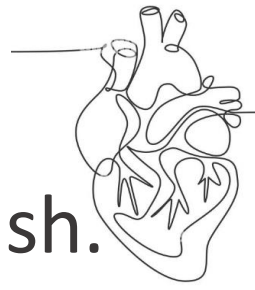
2.1 Generous DNA:



Generosity unlocks the Kingdom and its ways!

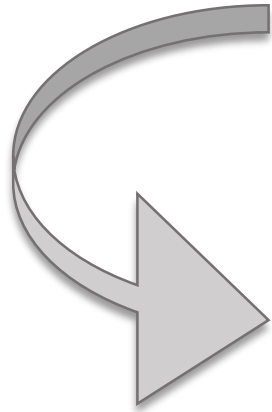
John 6:5 When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” 6 He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!” 8 Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, 9 “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?” 10 Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). 11 Jesus then took the

loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.



12 When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” 13 So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

Here is a key for the Soft Hearts:



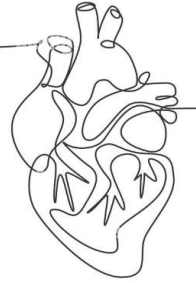
When generosity and thanksgiving *[praise]* comes together, the supernatural and miraculous of God happens

Sons are like the FATHER:

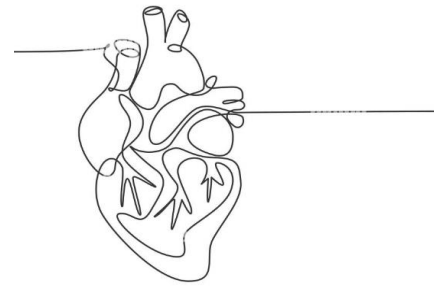
- Loving, giving and sharing
- Selfless**
- Stewards**
- Faith and freedom
- Understands, receives and gives grace**

Slaves are like satan:

- Hard, greedy and hording
- Selfish**
- Slaves**
- Fear
- Calculates inwardly, ungracious and cant freely give**

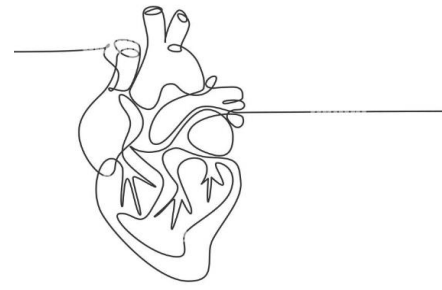


- Test



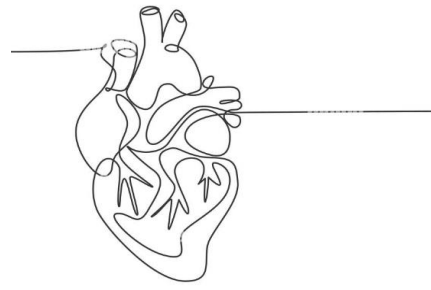
John 12: Jesus Anointed at Bethany

1 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. 3 Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, 5 "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." 6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief;



as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. 7 “Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. 8 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”

2.2 Generous Promises:

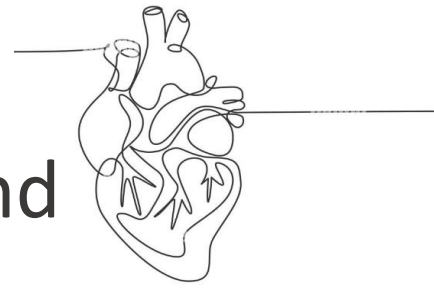


1 John 3:17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

Hebrews 13:16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Soft hearts have purses in heaven 😊

Luke 12:33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.



Psalms 112:5 Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

Acts 20:35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

Proverbs 11:24-25 One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

25 A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

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COMMUNION

Prayer

