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he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.**
Proverbs 11:25

Generous living is about...

*...discovering you're a partner with God
and can live life with your hands open.
...moving from I love me to I love you.*

GENEROUS LIVING

SEES THEIR NEEDS

**If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor,
he too will cry out and not be answered.**
Proverbs 21:13

**He who gives to the poor will lack nothing,
but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses.**
Proverbs 28:27

- **15.6%** of the people in Eau Claire live under the poverty level.
- You can't help everyone, but can help those the LORD puts in front of you.

RESETS OUR ATTITUDES

**He who despises his neighbor sins,
but blessed is he who is kind to the needy.**
Proverbs 14:21

A poor man pleads for mercy, but a rich man answers harshly.
Proverbs 18:23

Haughty eyes and a proud heart... are sin.
Proverbs 21:4

- We have a tendency to judge the poor.
- The wise man recognizes self-imposed poverty (lazy, sluggard, loves sleep).
- He also recognizes poverty through injustice. Proverbs 13:23
- **3.6** million people in the U.S. are paid at or below minimum wage.
- **13.9** million Americans are unemployed (as of May 2011).
- In 2010, **1.6** million Americans filed for bankruptcy.
- **60%** of bankruptcies result from overwhelming medical bills.
- We should be very slow to judge someone else's circumstances.

RECOGNIZES THE SPIRITUAL IMPLICATIONS

**He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker,
but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.**
Proverbs 14:31

**He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD,
and he will reward him for what he has done.**
Proverbs 19:17

**The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of
the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'**
Matthew 25:40

- Love people; touch God.
- This is part of the blessing of
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ADVOCATES FOR JUSTICE

Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.
Proverbs 31:9

**The righteous care about justice for the poor,
but the wicked have no such concern.**
Proverbs 29:7

**A poor man's field may produce abundant food,
but injustice sweeps it away.**
Proverbs 13:23

**Do not exploit the poor because they are poor
and do not crush the needy in court.**
Proverbs 22:22

**Do not withhold good from those who deserve it,
when it is in your power to act.
Do not say to your neighbor,
"Come back later; I'll give it tomorrow"
— when you have it with you.**
Proverbs 3:27-28

HELPS SOMEONE

Do whatever the LORD shows you to do.

LIVE GENEROUSLY!

