

Does Your Giving Reflect a Righteous Person?

Proverbs 21:26 says, “**The righteous give without sparing.**” You might be thinking, “I am far from a righteous person.” However consider that the Apostle Paul said, “the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.” That means that when we accept Christ as our Savior we are imbued with His righteousness and thus whether you feel like it or not you are a righteous person!

Here is the question, does how you live reflect who you are? While we might struggle to act like who we are and fail from time to time those in Christ live differently than those in the world. This is especially true when it comes to being generous.

ABC News filed a report a few years ago on charitable giving where they stated, “...the single biggest predictor of whether someone will be charitable is their religious participation. Religious people are more likely to give to charity, and when they give, they give more money: **four times as much.**”

Why do righteous people give without sparing? I think there are many reasons why. For one our selfish human nature is checked by the Spirit of God. For another we who have received so much from God willing want to share His blessings with others and our church that impacts us so much. Finally, we know that our gifts fuels the work of ministry and missions that is about changing our world for the better.

So here is the question. Does your giving reflect a righteous person? We don't give to BE righteous. Only Christ can accomplish that in us. Yet righteousness is demonstrated by a generous spirit. **Are you living out your righteousness and giving without sparing?**

Let's practice our righteous lives today by giving generously!