

Make Room- For Generosity Don Williams- March 10, 2024

1 John 3:1

"See what great love the Father has **lavished** on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"

2 Corinthians 9:8

"And God is able to bless you **abundantly**, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

John 12:1-8

"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."

Martha was Generous in Her Service

John 12:2

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Generosity is measured not in what you do but in how you do it.

Selfishness is the enemy of Generosity

Lazarus was Generous in His Worship

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Mary was Generous in Her Giving

Judas was Selfish in His Actions

John 12:5-6

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- Judas is a thief

Malachi 3:8-10

"Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

"But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?'

"In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

Matthew 6:21

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

- Judas was a hypocrite

Jesus is always Generous

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