

evin Wilfley, Director of Prayer Ministries for the Washington Conference, believes that Generous Living goes way beyond tithes and offerings; it becomes a way of everyday life. Each time Pastor Wilfley goes to a restaurant, he talks with his waiter or waitress to learn about what struggles or needs they have. One day as Pastor Wilfley and his sisters were eating at a restaurant. he began a conversation with their waitress. He learned that she was a struggling mom trying to provide for her child and complete her education. She explained that she did not have the funds she needed and might not be able to complete school as she had planned.

After their meal, Pastor Wilfley looked at his sisters and said, "I don't know what each of you can afford to do, but I can give at least \$20.00 on the tip. With help from his sisters, the tip was soon in excess of \$100.00. Pastor Wilfley says he would have been content to put the money on the table and leave the restaurant. However, one of his sisters wanted to experience the joy of seeing their sharing of God's blessings in action. She decided to watch the table from a distance where she would not be seen by the waitress.

His sister reported that the waitress went to their table and when she saw the tip, she grabbed the table with both hands, her shoulders shook and she began to sob uncontrollably. It brought much joy and excitement to the Wilfley siblings to know that their desire to please God by sharing blessings had made such an impact.

Generous Living creates joy for the giver and the receiver. For the giver, it is the overwhelming joy of knowing that we have been used by God for a special purpose to help someone who needs His blessing. Generous Living is hearing and obeying God when He places the people He wants to bless in our paths. It happens when we spend much time in prayer and in the Bible. It happens when we have a close, personal relationship with our Heavenly Father. It happens when we hear His voice and let Him impress us with His plans and desires.

It is ALL OF ME IN RESPONSE TO ALL OF HIM!

— Rick
Hutchinson,
Director of
Generous Living
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"For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

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