

UNSUNG HEROES: TABITHA

Big Question: What should I know about generosity?

Main Scripture: Acts 9:36-42

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Acts 9:36 ³⁶ There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas). She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor.

1. Generosity is habitual

³⁷ About this time she became ill and died. Her body was washed for burial and laid in an upstairs room. ³⁸ But the believers had heard that Peter was nearby at Lydda, so they sent two men to beg him, "Please come as soon as possible!" ³⁹ So Peter returned with them; and as soon as he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. The room was filled with widows who were weeping and showing him the coats and other clothes Dorcas had made for them.

2. Generosity is tangible

- a. People
- b. Places

James 2:26 ²⁶ Just as the body is dead without breath,^[a] so also faith is dead without good works.

⁴⁰ But Peter asked them all to leave the room; then he knelt and prayed. Turning to the body he said, "Get up, Tabitha." And she opened her eyes! When she saw Peter, she sat up! ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then he called in the widows and all the believers, and he presented her to them alive. ⁴² The news spread through the whole town, and many believed in the Lord.

3. Generosity is telling