

EPHESIANS 4:29

CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER

“LET NO CORRUPTING TALK COME OUT OF YOUR MOUTHS, BUT ONLY SUCH AS IS GOOD FOR BUILDING UP, AS FITS THE OCCASION, THAT IT MAY GIVE GRACE TO THOSE WHO HEAR.”

The Impact of Generosity

... for the scoundrel – his devices are evil; he plans wicked schemes to ruin the poor with lying words, even when the plea of the needy is right.

But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity. **Isaiah 32:7-8 [NLT]**

A. What should we provide as sons and daughters of the King? [Isaiah 32:1-2]

- [1] A Hiding Place
- [2] A Shelter from the Storm
- [3] Streams of Water in a Dry Place
- [4] Shade of a Great Rock in a Weary Land

B. How should our generosity impact the lives of the people around us? [Isaiah 32:3-7]

- [1] Clear Vision - Purpose [3a]
- [2] Listening Ears - Awareness [3b]
- [3] Understanding Heart - Wisdom [4a]
- [4] Clear Communication - Clarity [4b]
- [5] Resistance to Foolishness - Focus [5-7]

WHY?

- Speaks Folly
- Busy with Iniquity
- Practice Ungodliness
- Speaks Error Concerning the Lord
- Leave the Craving Unsatisfied
- Deprive the Thirsty of Drink
- Plans Wicked Schemes

C. Practicing Intentional Generosity [Isaiah 32:8]

Planning and a Commitment to Follow-thru

Study Questions/Prayer

- [1] Read Isaiah 32:1-2. How do the descriptions of a king reigning in righteousness and the four Hebrew similes (hiding place from the wind, shelter from the storm, streams of water in a dry place, and shade of a great rock in a weary land) illustrate the protective and nurturing qualities of godly generous people? How can we apply these qualities in our own lives to support and care for others?
- [2] Read Isaiah 32:3-7. Read the list of ways our generosity impacts the people around us. How can you incorporate these principles into your daily conversations and interactions with people?
- [3] Make a plan to practice intentional generosity with someone in your life this week. Then commit to follow-through.
- [4] Pray for God to help you practice intentional generosity this week for His glory.

Isaiah 32:1 [Millennial Kingdom]

Behold, a king will reign in righteousness [contrasting with previous leaders] and princes will rule in justice. [Psalm 72:1-2, 4; Jeremiah 23:5, Isaiah 11:1-4]

Isaiah 32:2 [Four Hebrew Similes]

- [1] ^{2a} Each will be like a hiding place from the wind,
- [2] ^{2b} a shelter from the storm, [Isaiah 4:6, 25:4]
- [3] ^{2c} like streams of water in a dry place,
- [4] ^{2d} like the shade of a great rock in a weary land. [Isaiah 32:1]

For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall, . . . **Isaiah 25:4**

Isaiah 32:3-7 Then the eyes of those who see will not be closed [smeared over], and the ears of those who hear will give attention. [Isaiah 29:18]

⁴ The heart of the hasty will understand and know, and the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to speak distinctly. [Isaiah 35:6]

⁵ The fool [person who constantly rejects God's ways] will no more be called noble, [Isaiah 5:20] nor the scoundrel said to be honorable. ⁶ For the **fool** speaks folly, and his heart is busy with iniquity, to practice ungodliness, to utter error concerning the Lord, to leave the craving of the hungry unsatisfied, [Isaiah 3:14-15] and to deprive the thirsty of drink. ⁷ As for the scoundrel [rogues] – his devices [tools] are evil; [Micah 2:1-2] he plans wicked schemes to ruin the poor with lying words, even when the plea of the needy is right.

Isaiah 32:8 [NLT] But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity.