



# Open Hands

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## Open Hands, Full Heart

As Christian women, we are often caregivers, nurturers, and encouragers by nature. But beyond cultural roles, we are also spiritual conduits—meant to receive from God and pour into others. Sharing isn't just about giving things away; it's about offering pieces of our hearts, time, love, and faith in obedience to Christ. In a world obsessed with keeping, collecting, and protecting what's ours, Jesus calls us to radical generosity. When we share what we have, we participate in His Kingdom work and become living testimonies of God's provision and grace.

### 1) Sharing Reflects God's Generosity

*"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." **2 Corinthians 9:11***

God's generosity is overwhelming—from daily mercies to eternal salvation. He gives without condition and without limit. When we share, we reflect His heart and become tangible expressions of His love to others. Sharing isn't about how much we have, but about how willing we are to surrender it for His use. Even a small act—a cup of coffee, a listening ear, or a small donation—can speak volumes in someone's life when led by God.

## 2) Sharing Strengthens Community

*"All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need." **Acts 2:44-45***

The early church was marked by unity and selflessness. They didn't just gather for worship—they lived life together, meeting needs and carrying burdens as one body. In today's often-isolated society, sharing helps bridge gaps and build lasting, Christ-centered relationships. Whether you're offering childcare to a single mom, taking a meal to someone grieving, or simply being present for a friend, your willingness to share builds spiritual strength in your community.

## 3) Sharing the Gospel is Our Greatest Gift

*"Go and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." **Matthew 28:19-20***

*There is no greater act of sharing than giving someone the message of salvation. While not everyone is called to stand on a stage or go on mission trips, every believer is called to live missionally—sharing the truth of Jesus in daily conversations, acts of love, and in how we live. Your story—what Jesus has done in your life—can be a powerful witness. Don't underestimate how your words, even when spoken simply, can plant seeds of hope in someone's heart.*

Sharing is more than a good deed—it's an act of worship. When we live generously, we declare our trust in God's provision and invite others to experience His love through us. Whether we're giving out of abundance or from a place of sacrifice, our offerings matter in the Kingdom. As women called to live with purpose and compassion, may we daily seek opportunities to pour out what God has poured into us. Let us remember: a heart that shares is a heart that shines with His light.

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Thank You for sharing Your love, grace, and mercy so freely with me. Forgive me for the times I've held back when You asked me to give. Help me to live with open hands and a heart ready to pour out Your love. Show me who needs what I have to give—whether it's time, words, encouragement, or help. Give me boldness to share my

faith and softness to reflect Your love. May everything I share point others back to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Conversation Starters

- 1.) In what ways has God been generous to you, and how can you mirror that generosity today?
- 2.) Does generosity come naturally to you, or is it a struggle for you? Talk about it.
- 3.) How can you boldly and lovingly share the gospel in your everyday life?

## Call to Action

- 1.) This week, choose a meaningful way to share (ideas listed below):
  - Give a gift to someone going through a tough season (even a card or flowers).
  - Invite someone to coffee and simply listen.
  - Offer to pray for someone, and follow through.
  - Volunteer your time to serve in your church or local ministry.
- 2.) Write down what you chose and how it impacted you. Pray over that person or situation and ask God to continue using your generosity to bring light into the world.

**Commit to living with open hands and a willing heart—ready to share your time, your resources, and your faith so that others may see the love of Christ through you.**

## Memorize

*“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” **Matthew 28:19-20***