

William Carey

*“I can plod, I can persevere in any definite pursuit.
To this I owe everything.”*



William Carey was an English shoemaker who gave generously to the land of India so that others could hear the message of Jesus Christ. Carey is remembered for his statement of faith “Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God”.

Born in England, Carey provided for his family by working as a shoemaker while preparing himself to become a missionary. He gave generously of his time, his money, and he even gave up his reputation in order that others would come to know about Jesus Christ.

You see, some people thought William Carey to be a little extreme because he cared so much about people in far off lands coming to know about God’s Son Jesus Christ.

To prepare himself for missionary service, Carey studied the needs of the world beyond himself. He then wrote a book “An Enquiry into the Obligation of Christians to Use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens.” He gave generous encouragement to Indian believers to share the message of Jesus Christ with their friends and family.

William Carey gave of his life for India as a linguist by translating the whole Bible into three Indian languages Bengali, Sanskrit, and Marathi. He helped in other Bible translations by translating the New Testament and portions of the Scripture into many more languages and dialects. Carey started, developed, and established schools and a printing press operation. Carey made a notable impact on India in his struggle against widow burning and infanticide.

When a warehouse fire destroyed his priceless manuscripts, his massive polyglot dictionary, two grammar books, and whole versions of the Bible, William Carey again rewrote the books that had been lost in the fire. Through his tireless efforts, Serampore College was founded in 1819 for the training of indigenous church planters and evangelists. The success and harmony of the Serampore Mission was due mainly to his saintly disposition and determination to never give up.



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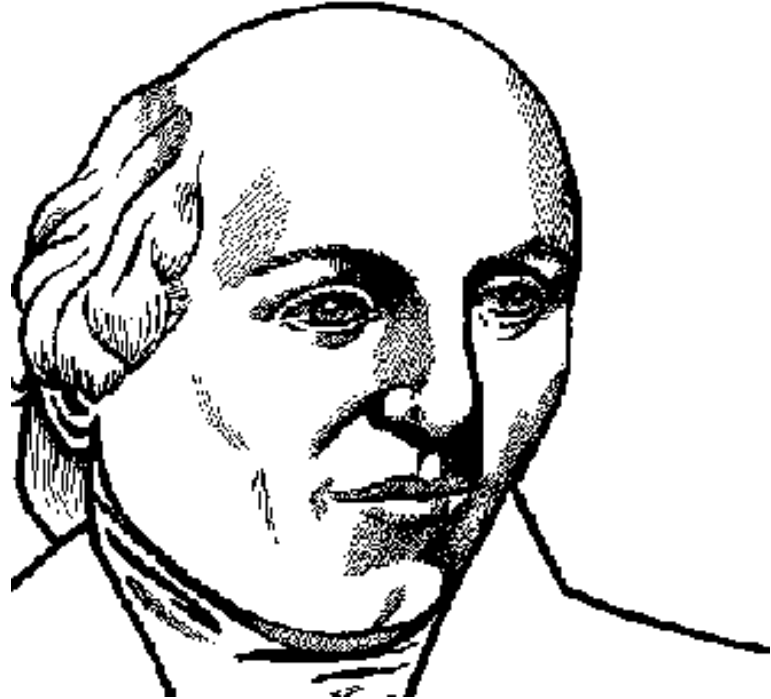
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Students Practicing & Doing Generosity:

1. How are you going to apply these important principles of generosity like William Carey to your thoughts, attitudes, words, and actions?

Thoughts:

Attitudes:

Words:

Actions:

Students Teaching Others on Generosity:

1. Share with two of your school friends what you have learned from this lesson on generosity.
2. Have them teach two of their friends what they have learned from you.
3. Identify a person in your community that demonstrates this character quality of generosity. Write one paragraph on how you see generosity being demonstrated through their life. Read your report in front of the class.
3. Develop a lesson plan to teach others about generosity. Show your plan to your teacher for their input and suggestions.