

# Living Right: Generous God

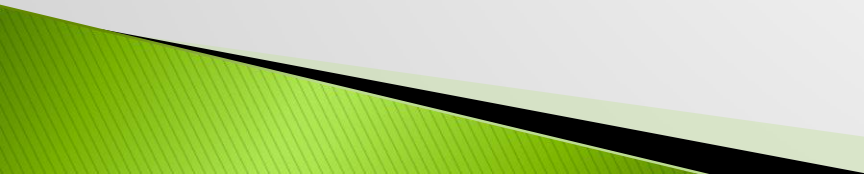
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# 1 Chronicles 29:12–14

“<sup>12</sup> Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. <sup>13</sup> Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. <sup>14</sup> “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.



# James 1:17

“ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.



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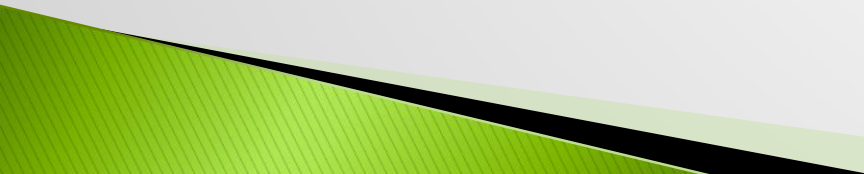
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  - God is our source...

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<sup>6</sup> Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup> Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written:



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“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”

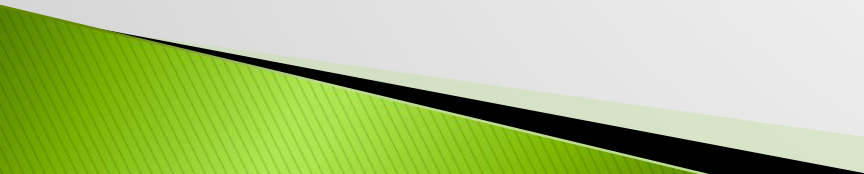
<sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.



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<sup>12</sup> This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

<sup>13</sup> Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. <sup>14</sup> And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!



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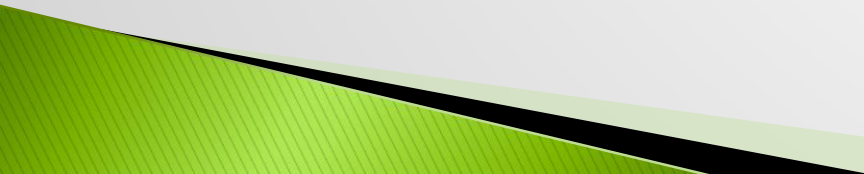
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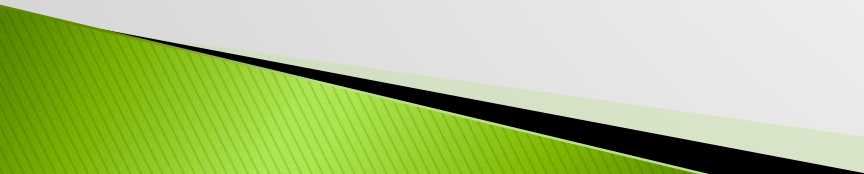
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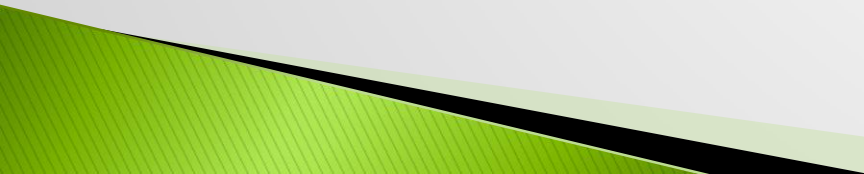
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# Giving and Happy People

- Proverbs 14:21 – “... blessed is the one who is kind to the needy.”
- Proverbs 22:9 – “The generous will themselves be blessed...”

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- ▶ Acts 20:35 – “In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”


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- ▶ Acts 2:42–47 – “<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

# Giving and Happy People

- ▶ We see from scripture that there is much blessing from giving.
  - How many of us have truly experienced that blessing and joy?

# Living it...

- ▶ Experience God's generosity
  - ▶ Determine in your heart to give cheerfully
  - ▶ Experience joy that comes from giving
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# Living it...

- ▶ "Generosity is being a conduit through which God increasingly pours His resources to meet needs."