

"If you don't know where you're going, you're likely to end up someplace else." Yogi Berra

"And just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also." 2 Cor. 8:7

"Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7

"And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, in order to receive back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men." Luke 6:34-35

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich." 2 Cor. 8:9

"We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth."

1 John 3:16-18

GENEROSITY IS:

1. A GIFT FROM GOD.

"Now, brethren, we wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia." vs. 1

2. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE.

"That in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality." vs. 2

3. YOUR CALL.

"For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability they gave of their own accord." vs. 3

4. AN ASPECT OF FELLOWSHIP.

"Begging us with much entreaty for the favor of participation in the support of the saints." vs. 4

5. PART OF YOUR WORSHIP.

"And this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God." vs. 5

"You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed." Ps. 139:16 (NLT)

"How precious are your thought about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!" Ps. 139:17-18 (NLT)

"I urge you therefor brethren, by the mercies of God, to present bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship." Rom. 12:1

APPLICATION FOR ME:

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body." 1 Cor. 6:19-20

"They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do." 2 Cor. 8:4-5 (NLT)

