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“A stingy heart breeds an empty life.”

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“Christmas is the enduring truth and testimony of the generosity of God.”

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For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only Son,
that whoever believes in Him should
not perish but have eternal life.

—John 3:16 ESV

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God rest ye merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy!
—Unknown

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For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

—2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV

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A Message to All = The Nativity:
God's Grace Made Visible in a Manger

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⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. —Philippians 2:5-7 ESV

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But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

—Micah 5:2 ESV

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Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

—Isaiah 7:14 ESV

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¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. —John 1:1, 14 ESV

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But we see Him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

—Hebrews 2:9 ESV

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Grace from God is, by definition, getting the exact opposite of what we deserve. —Tullian Tchividjian

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A Message for Me

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¹We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ²for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

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³For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saint— ⁵and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

—2 Corinthians 8:1-5 ESV

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A Message for Me

> Generosity is evidence of grace impacting your life.

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Zaccheus

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost. —Luke 19:10 ESV

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“Generosity happens when the rich resources of the gospel smash through our need to secure ourselves apart from His exclusive sacrifice and all inclusive love.”

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A Message for Me

> Generosity is expressed in gratitude, not guilt.

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“Generosity is a gateway to intimacy with God.” —Chip Ingram

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A Message for Me

> Generosity is experienced when we call upon the name of the Lord to be saved.

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⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. —Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV

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