

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

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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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Discover the Riches of God's Grace
Made Available to You

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When someone is rich,
there are several implications:
SECURITY—FREEDOM—OPPORTUNITY

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SECURITY

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. —1 Timothy 6:17 ESV

¹⁹Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. —Matthew 6:19-20 ESV

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SECURITY is not found in what
you have, but who you trust!

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FREEDOM

¹⁵And He said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ... ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God." —Luke 12:15, 19-21 ESV

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FREEDOM is not found in what you have, but what has you!

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OPPORTUNITY

²⁰The young man said to Him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" ²¹Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." ²²When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. —Matthew 19:20-22 ESV

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
—Acts 20:35 ESV

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OPPORTUNITY in life can be met with generosity or greed.

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⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 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.

—Ephesians 2:4-9 ESV

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In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. —Ephesians 1:7 ESV

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Distribute the Riches of God's
Goodness Made Possible Through You

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For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good
works, which God prepared
beforehand, that we should walk
in them. —Ephesians 2:10 ESV

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3 Outcomes of the Arrangement with John
Chip was devoted to being like John.

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3 Outcomes of the Arrangement with John
Handling money became a
matter of stewardship.

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3 Outcomes of the Arrangement with John
Generosity produces amazing life experiences
and develops delightful life partnerships.

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

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“God prospers you not to raise your standard of living, but your standard of giving.” —Tullian Tchividjian

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⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work... ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. ¹²For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God... ¹⁵Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift! —2 Corinthians 9:8, 10-12, 15

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