

~GENEROSITY (275)

[Hebrew, *na-dhiv'*, Greek, *ha-plo'tes*]

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- That noble and warmhearted readiness to bless others by freely giving out of an open hand, unstintingly. The Hebrew word *na-dhiv'*, rendered generous in;
- As regards the **generous** one, it is for **generous** things that he has given counsel, and in favor of **generous** things he himself will rise up. (Isaiah 32:8)
- Is also rendered **willing** and **noble**.
- Do restore to me the exultation of salvation by you, and may you support me even with a **willing** spirit. (Psalms 51:12)
- A well, princes dug it. The **nobles** of the people excavated it, with a commander's staff, with their own staffs. Then from the wilderness on to Mattanah. (Numbers 21:18) Footnote
- The Greek noun *ha-plo'tes*, **generosity**.
- That during a great test under affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty made the riches of their **generosity** abound. (2 Corinthians 8:2)
- Generosity
- In everything you are being enriched for every sort of **generosity**, which produces through us an expression of thanks to God. (2 Corinthians 9:11)
- Liberality
- Or he that exhorts, let him be at his exhortation. He that distributes, let him do it with **liberality**. He that presides, let him do it in real earnest. He that shows mercy, let him do it with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:8)
- **Sincerity**

- You slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters in a fleshly sense, with fear and trembling in the **sincerity** of your hearts, as to the Christ. (**Ephesians 6:5**)
- Has the basic meaning **simplicity**. **Int**
- But I am afraid that somehow, as the serpent seduced Eve by its cunning, your minds might be corrupted away from the sincerity and the chastity that are due the Christ. (**2 Corinthians 11:3**)
- Yehowah himself is the personification of **generosity**, the One who fully supplies all the needs of his obedient creatures according to his will.
- And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that, no matter what it is that we ask according to his will, he hears us. (**1 John 5:14**)
- In turn, my God will fully supply all your need to the extent of his riches in glory by means of Christ Jesus. (**Philippians 4:19**)
- Every good gift and perfect present is from him, including such an intangible gift as wisdom.
- So, if any one of you is lacking in wisdom, let him keep on asking God, for he gives **generously** to all and without reproaching, and it will be given him. (**James 1:5**)
- Every good gift and every perfect present is from above, for it comes down from the Father of the celestial lights, and with him there is not a variation of the turning of the shadow. (**James 1:17**)
- Moses urged his fellow Israelites to cultivate this divine quality of **generosity**, even when making a loan on pledge. You must not harden your heart or be closefisted toward your poor brother.
- For you should **generously** open your hand to him. You should by all means give to him, and your heart should not be stingy in your giving to him. That is why I am commanding you, saying; You should generously open up your hand to your afflicted and poor brother in your land.
- In case some one of your brothers becomes poor among you in

one of your cities, in your land that Yehowah your God is giving you, you must not harden your heart or be closefisted toward your poor brother. ([Deuteronomy 15:7](#))

- For you should generously open your hand to him and by all means lend him on pledge as much as he needs, which he is in want of. ([Deuteronomy 15:8](#))
- Watch out for yourself for fear a base word should come to be in your heart, saying; The seventh year, the year of the release, has come close, and your eye should indeed become ungenerous toward your poor brother, and you should give him nothing, and he has to call out to Yehowah against you, and it has become a sin on your part. ([Deuteronomy 15:9](#))
- You should by all means give to him, and your heart should not be stingy in your giving to him, because on this account Yehowah your God will bless you in every deed of yours and in every undertaking of yours. ([Deuteronomy 15:10](#))
- For someone poor will never cease to be in the midst of the land. That is why I am commanding you, saying; You should generously open up your hand to your afflicted and poor brother in your land. ([Deuteronomy 15:11](#))
- Says the proverb;
- The **generous** soul will itself be made fat, and the one freely watering others will himself also be freely watered. ([Proverbs 11:25](#))
- Jesus Christ expressed it this way; There is more happiness in **giving** than there is in receiving.
- I have exhibited to you in all things that by thus laboring you must assist those who are weak, and must bear in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, when he himself said; There is more happiness in **giving** than there is in receiving. ([Acts of Apostles 20:35](#))
- Again he said; Practice **giving**, and people will give to you. They will pour into your laps a fine measure, pressed down, shaken together and overflowing. For with the measure that you are measuring out, they will measure out to you in return.

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- The apostle Paul also stated this proverbial truth in yet another way; He that sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he that sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Since this is so, the apostle reasons, let each one do just as he has resolved in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
- But as to this, he that sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he that sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. (**2 Corinthians 9:6**)
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- Paul continues by pointing to Yehowah's great example of **generosity** not only in abundantly supplying seed for the sower and bread for food but also in enriching the Corinthian brothers for every sort of **generosity**, that they might be generous toward others. Such gestures of **generosity**, Paul declared, resulted in an expression of thanks to God.
- God, moreover, is able to make all his undeserved kindness abound toward you, that, while you always have full self-sufficiency in everything, you may have plenty for every good work. (**2 Corinthians 9:8**)
- Just as it is written: He has distributed widely, he has given to the poor ones, his righteousness continues forever. (**2 Corinthians 9:9**)
- Now he that abundantly supplies seed to the sower and bread for eating will supply and multiply the seed for you to sow and will increase the products of your righteousness. (**2 Corinthians 9:10**)
- In everything you are being enriched for every sort of **generosity**, which produces through us an expression of thanks to God. (**2**

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- Because the ministry of this public service is not only to supply abundantly the wants of the holy ones but also to be rich with many expressions of thanks to God. (**2 Corinthians 9:12**)
- Through the proof that this ministry gives, they glorify God because you are submissive to the Good News about the Christ, as you publicly declare you are, and because you are generous in your contribution to them and to all. (**2 Corinthians 9:13**)
- Paul, encouraging this same godly **generosity**, wrote;
- Or he that exhorts, let him be at his exhortation. He that distributes, let him do it with liberality. He that presides, let him do it in real earnest. He that shows mercy, let him do it with cheerfulness. (**Romans 12:8**)
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- Moreover, do not forget the doing of good and the **sharing** of things with others, for with such **sacrifices** God is well pleased. (**Hebrews 13:16**)
- He wrote; Moreover, do not forget the doing of good and the sharing of things with others, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.
- The congregations in Macedonia were outstanding examples of **generous giving**. The fact that they had even joyfully gone beyond their actual ability, contributing out of their poverty, made the riches of their **generosity abound**.
- Now we let you know, brothers, about the undeserved kindness of God that has been bestowed upon the congregations of Macedonia. (**2 Corinthians 8:1**)
- That during a great test under affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty made the riches of their **generosity abound**. (**2 Corinthians 8:2**)
- For according to their actual ability, yes, I testify, **beyond their actual ability** this was. (**2 Corinthians 8:3**)

- While they of their own accord **kept begging us** with much entreaty for the privilege of kindly giving and for a share in the ministry destined for the holy ones. (**2 Corinthians 8:4**)
- Let it be noted that these scriptures on **generosity** and liberality are not in conflict or out of balance with others that condemn ingrates, sluggards, and lazy persons.
- For example, the lazy one who will not plow in cold weather deserves nothing when begging in harvesttime, he that refuses to work is not entitled to the **generosity** of others.
- Because of winter the lazy one will not plow, he will be begging in reaping time, but there will be nothing. (**Proverbs 20:4**)
- In fact, also, when we were with you, we used to give you this order. If anyone does not want to work, neither let him eat. (**2 Thessalonians 3:10**)
- Widows were not to be put on the list for relief unless they qualified.
- Let a widow be put on the list who has become not less than sixty years old, a wife of one husband. (**1 Timothy 5:9**)
- Having a witness borne to her for fine works, if she reared children, if she entertained strangers, if she washed the feet of holy ones, if she relieved those in tribulation, if she diligently followed every good work. (**1 Timothy 5:10**)
- The contributions made by the congregations throughout Galatia, Macedonia, and Achaia were not for the needy ones among pagan worshipers in general but for the holy ones that were in need.
- Now concerning the collection that is for the holy ones, just as I gave orders to the congregations of Galatia, do that way also yourselves. (**1 Corinthians 16:1**)
- Now concerning the ministry that is for the holy ones, it is superfluous for me to write you. (**2 Corinthians 9:1**)
- For I know your readiness of mind of which I am boasting to the Macedonians about you, that Achaia has stood ready now for a year, and your zeal has stirred up the majority of them. (**2**

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