

GENEROUS IN ALL THINGS

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Acts 2:43-47, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Memory Verse

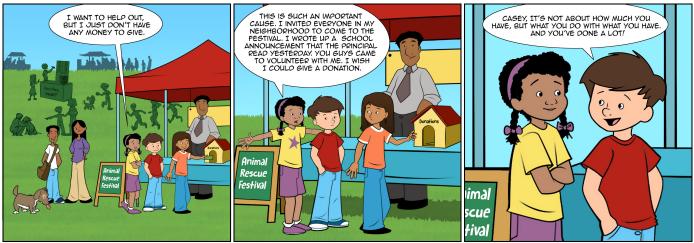


¹⁶ But don't forget to help others and to share your possessions with them. This too is like offering a sacrifice that pleases God.

Hebrews 13:16

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Have you ever heard the saying, "Sharing is caring"? It means that when we share what we have, we show others that we care about them. Too often we think generosity is all about money, but that is not true. Maybe you shared part of your lunch at school with a friend. You might share your toys with your brother or sister. Others share their time to volunteer to help someone else. When God sent Jesus, he showed us how to be generous in all things. He freely gave his only Son to show the world his love.

When the church first began, the believers in the book of Acts knew what it meant to be generous in all things (<u>Acts 2:43-47</u>). They met together daily, being generous with their time. They were not selfish with their possessions and shared everything they had with one another. They ate their meals together happily, sharing their food willingly and without an attitude. They even sold or gave away stuff they owned to help someone else. They were an unselfish community making sure that everyone was cared for.

How can you show generosity? Maybe you don't have lots of money to give, and that's okay. Remember, you don't need *money* to be generous. Generosity is about using what you do have to help someone else. God uses our generosity to show the world his love. There are many opportunities in your daily life to be generous. It's not about *how much* you have, but *what you do* with what you have.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for all the ways you have been generous to me. Please help me to look for ways to care for others the way you do. Amen.

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