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A Generous God, A Given Life

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Whoever claims to **live** [Gk. *menein*]
in him must **live** [Gk. *peripatesen*] as
Jesus did.

- 1 JOHN 2:6



1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-4, 13-24

¹ Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. ² On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.



³ Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem. ⁴ If it seems advisable for me to go also, they will accompany me...

¹³ Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. ¹⁴ Do everything in love.



¹⁵ You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the Lord's people. I urge you, brothers and sisters, ¹⁶ to submit to such people and to everyone who joins in the work and labours at it. ¹⁷ I was glad when Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus arrived, because they have supplied what was lacking from you.



¹⁸ For they refreshed my spirit and yours also. Such men deserve recognition.

¹⁹ The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house. ²⁰ All the brothers and sisters here send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.



²¹ I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand.

²² If anyone does not love the Lord, let that person be cursed! Come, Lord!

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. ²⁴ My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen.





Give Generously

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- 1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-2



They take care of widows and orphans. He that has much gives to him who has little... if there is among them a man that is poor and needy, they will fast two or three days (go without food themselves) so they may supply the need.

- ARISTIDES





Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7-8



He who did not spare his own Son,
but gave him up for us all – how will
he not also, along with him,
graciously give us all things?

- ROMANS 8:32



People go through three conversions:
The conversion of their head, their heart
and their pocketbook. Unfortunately,
not all at the same time.

- MARTIN LUTHER



Guard

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.

- 1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14



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Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

- EPHESIANS 6:10

I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

- PSALM 121:1-2





We are not to be surprised if living as Christians brings us to the place where we find we are at the end of our own resources, and that we are called to rely on the God who raises the dead.

- N.T. WRIGHT



Greet

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- 1 CORINTHIANS 16:19-20



If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even tax collectors doing that? If you only **greet** your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

- MATTHEW 5:46-48





[By] being conscious of how we approach people we encounter through the normal routines of our day is a step toward bringing... heaven here on our patch of earth.

- LANCE FORD & BRAD BRISCOE
Next Door as it is in Heaven





Layton

Tow Truck

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Call me

after
church

And the name of the city from that time on will be: The LORD is there.

- EZEKIEL 48:35

