

# GENEROSITY

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## OLD TESTAMENT **Isaiah 2: 1-5**

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!



Isaiah 2: 1-5

## Generosity in Invitation and Transformation

- ✦ God's mountain is raised for all nations – generosity that includes everyone, not just a few.
- ✦ “Come, let us go up” – this is a generous invitation to learn, grow, and walk in God's ways.
- ✦ Instruction flows from Zion – God generously shares wisdom and guidance with the world.
- ✦ Swords into ploughshares – generosity transforms violence into productivity and peace.
- ✦ The call to “walk in the light of the Lord” is a generous path toward justice and unity.



## PSALM 122

I was glad when they said to me,  
'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'  
Our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem—built as a city  
that is bound firmly together.  
To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD,  
as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.  
For there the thrones for judgement were set up,  
the thrones of the house of David.  
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
'May they prosper who love you.  
Peace be within your walls,  
and security within your towers.'  
For the sake of my relatives and friends  
I will say, 'Peace be within you.'  
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your good.



### Generosity in Worship and Community

- ✦ Joy in going to the house of the Lord - generosity begins with a shared spiritual celebration.
- ✦ Jerusalem as a bound city - generosity binds people together in purpose and peace.
- ✦ Giving thanks to the Lord is a generous act of recognition and reverence.
- ✦ Praying for peace and prosperity - generosity seeks the good of others, not just ourselves.
- ✦ "For the sake of my relatives and friends... I will seek your good" - generosity is relational and outward-looking.



## NEW TESTAMENT **Romans 13: 11-14**

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.





## Romans 13: 11-14

# Generosity in Living with Purpose

- ✦ “Wake from sleep” – generosity begins with awareness and readiness to act.
- ✦ Putting on the armour of light – generosity as a way of living honourably and transparently.
- ✦ Rejecting selfish indulgence – generosity resists the temptation to gratify only ‘the flesh’.
- ✦ “Put on the Lord Jesus Christ” – embodying Christ’s generous love and selflessness.
- ✦ Living generously means choosing light over darkness, and community over isolation.



# THE GOSPEL **MATTHEW 24: 36-44**

‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.





## Matthew 24: 36-44

### **Generosity in Readiness and Response**

- ✦ The unknown hour calls for readiness – generosity prepares not just for self, but for others.
- ✦ In Noah’s time, people lived unaware – generosity is alert, attentive, and responsive.
- ✦ One taken, one left – generosity doesn’t delay; it acts now in love and service. It needs to become a natural reaction.
- ✦ The thief analogy reminds us: generosity guards what matters most – our relationships, our faith.
- ✦ “Be ready” – generosity is not passive; it’s an action of hope and hospitality.



## Sermon Thread

# Generosity as a Way of Life in God's Time

- ✦ God's generosity is everywhere: it invites, teaches, transforms, and prepares.
- ✦ We are called to live generously — with our time, our attention, our peace, and our readiness.
- ✦ Generosity is not just giving things — it's giving ourselves to God's purposes and to others.
- ✦ In a world of distraction and division, generosity is a light that leads us 'home'.

