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+ God's Generosity

PSALM 24:1-2
2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

+ Faithful Stewardship

PROVERBS 3:9-10
2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8
LUKE 6:38

+ Peoples Needs

ACTS 2:43-47

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Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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.

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+ Local Church

ACTS 4:36-37

1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-4

+ Strategic People + Organizations

ROMANS 15:22-24

3 JOHN 1:5-8

+ Those in Need

WIDOWS & ORPHANS - JAMES 1:27

THE POOR - MATTHEW 6:2-4

ELDERLY - 1 TIMOTHY 5

OTHER CHRISTIANS - ACTS 2:43-47, 1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-4

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