

# GENEROSITY

<p>1 The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, <b>for God loves a cheerful giver.</b></p> <p><i>St. Paul (II Cor 9:6-7)</i></p>	<p>2 <b>Man should not consider his material possessions his own, but as common to all, so as to share them without hesitation when others are in need.</b></p> <p><i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i></p>	<p>3 The bread you store up belongs to the hungry. The cloak that lies in your chest belongs to the naked. And the gold that you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor.</p> <p><i>St. Basil the Great</i></p>	<p>4 <b>While your dog is stuffed with food, Christ is weak with hunger.</b></p> <p><i>St. John Chrysostom</i></p>	<p>5 YOU DO WRONG TO EVERYONE YOU COULD HELP, BUT FAIL TO HELP.</p> <p><i>St. Basil the Great</i></p>	<p>6 The more generous you are for God, the happier you will be.</p> <p><i>St. Josemaria</i></p>	<p>7 <b>Don't hoard anything. Give away your spiritual goods as quickly as you earn them.</b></p> <p><i>St. Therese of Lisieux</i></p>	<p>8 IF GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER IN FLESHLY WEALTH, HOW MUCH MORE IN SPIRITUAL WEALTH.</p> <p><i>St. Augustine</i></p>
<p>9 Peace here on earth cannot be maintained unless the good of the human person is safeguarded, and men are willing to trust each other and share their riches of spirit and talent.</p> <p><i>Gaudium et Spes</i></p>	<p>10 <b>He that hath abundance, let him quicken himself to mercy and generosity; he that hath art and skill, let him do his best to share the use and the utility thereof with his neighbor.</b></p> <p><i>Pope Sylvester II</i></p>	<p>11 Give something, however small, to the one who is in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.</p> <p><i>St. Gregory Nazianzen</i></p>	<p>12 The "non serviam"-- "I will not serve"-- of Satan has been too fruitful. Don't you feel the generous impulse to say every day, with desires for prayer and deeds, a "serviam" -- "I will serve you, I will be faithful!"-- surpassing in fruitfulness that cry of rebellion?</p> <p><i>St. Josemaria Escriva</i></p>	<p>13 The love of Christ involves generosity and sacrifice. It takes personal discipline to obey the commandments of God; it takes effort to reach out in loving service to a brother or sister in need. To follow Christ and to serve the world in his name requires courage and strength. There is no place for selfishness - and no place for fear!</p> <p><i>Pope John Paul II</i></p>	<p>14 <i>Almsgiving teaches us the generosity of love.</i></p> <p><i>Pope Benedict XVI</i></p>	<p>15 <i>Apothecaries have almost all kinds of poison for their use, as circumstances may require, but they are not poisoned, because they keep their poisons not in their bodies, but in their shops. In like manner you may possess riches without being poisoned by them, provided you have them for use in your house or in your purse, and not, by love, in your heart.</i></p> <p><i>St. Francis de Sales</i></p>	<p>16 LET US NOT BE SATISFIED WITH JUST GIVING MONEY. MONEY IS NOT ENOUGH, MONEY CAN BE GOT, BUT THEY NEED YOUR HEARTS TO LOVE THEM. SO, SPREAD YOUR LOVE EVERYWHERE YOU GO.</p> <p><i>Mother Theresa</i></p>

<p>17  <i>And [Jesus] sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the multitude putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him, and said to them. "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."</i></p> <p>Mark 12:41-44</p>	<p>18  <i>Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is sadness, joy. Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.</i></p> <p>St. Francis of Assisi</p>	<p>19  <b>We must never refuse anyone, even when it costs us much pain.</b></p> <p>Think that it is Jesus who is asking this service of you; how eager and friendly you will then be in granting the favor requested.</p> <p>St. Therese of Lisieux</p>	<p>20  <b>Do you want to honor Christ's body? Then do not scorn him in his nakedness, nor honor him here in Church with silken garments while neglecting him outside where he is cold and naked. The rich man is not one who is in possession of much, but one who gives much.</b></p> <p>St. John Chrysostom</p>	<p>21          God enlarges our hearts so that we no longer think only of ourselves, are no longer only concerned with ourselves. <b>The heart that is open to God becomes - through the breadth of God - in turn generous and large.</b></p> <p>This person no longer needs to seek anxiously his own happiness, his own success or to attach importance to the opinion of others. He is now free and generous, open to God's call. He can give his whole self confidently because he knows - wherever he goes - that in God's hands he is safe.</p> <p>Benedict XVI</p>	<p>22  <i>It is not necessary to have been well-educated, to have spent many years in college, to love God. It is sufficient to want to do so generously.</i></p> <p>Blessed Brother Andre</p>	<p>23          Don't fall into a vicious circle. You are thinking: when this is settled one way or another, I'll be generous with my God. Can't you see that Jesus is waiting for you to be generous without reserve, so that He can settle things far better than you imagine? When you have finished your work, help your brother with his, assisting him, for Christ's sake, so tactfully and naturally that no one, not even he, realizes that you are doing more than what in justice you ought. This indeed, is virtue befitting a son of God.</p> <p>St. Josemaria Escriva</p>	<p>24  <i>Our Lord's given me the grace to care as little about gifts of the mind and the heart as about worldly possessions. An idea occurs to me and I say something which is well received by the other sisters— why shouldn't they adopt it as their own? The idea doesn't belong to me, it belongs to the Holy Spirit. To suppose it belongs to me would be to make the same mistake as the donkey carrying the relics, which imagines that all the reverence shown to the saints was meant for its own benefit!</i></p> <p>St. Therese of Lisieux</p>
<p>25  <b>Do not hesitate to give, nor complain when you give.</b></p> <p>Pseudo-Barnabas</p>	<p>26  <i>I must anticipate the desires of others ... show that we are much obliged, very honored to be able to render service. The good Lord wants me to forget myself in order to give pleasure to others.</i></p> <p>St. Therese of Lisieux</p>	<p>27  <b>FEEDING THE HUNGRY IS GREATER WORK THAN RAISING THE DEAD.</b></p> <p>St. John Chrysostom</p>	<p>28  <b>Give to everyone that asks thee, and do not refuse, for the Father's will is that we give to all from the gifts we have received.</b></p> <p>Teachings of the Twelve Apostles</p>	<p>29  <b>MEDITATE UPON THIS SLOWLY:</b></p> <p>I AM ASKED FOR VERY LITTLE COMPARED TO HOW MUCH I AM BEING GIVEN.</p> <p>St. Josemaria Escriva</p>	<p>30  <b>OPEN THE GATES WIDE TO CHRIST!</b></p> <p>Pope John Paul II</p>	<p>31  <i>Give, and It will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back."</i></p> <p>Luke 6:38</p>	<p><b>HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, PRAY FOR US</b></p>

