

“IN A WORLD OFTEN CHARACTERIZED BY HUSTLE AND SELF-INTEREST, THE CONCEPT OF ‘PAYING IT FORWARD’ OFFERS A REFRESHING COUNTER-NARRATIVE. IT’S A SIMPLE YET PROFOUND IDEA: WHEN SOMEONE DOES SOMETHING KIND FOR YOU, INSTEAD OF REPAYING THEM, YOU PASS THE KINDNESS ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF GOODWILL CAN TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES, UPLIFT SPIRITS, AND FOSTER A CULTURE OF EMPATHY AND GENEROSITY.”

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**¹³SOMEONE IN THE CROWD SAID TO HIM, “TEACHER, TELL MY BROTHER TO DIVIDE THE INHERITANCE WITH ME.”
¹⁴BUT HE SAID TO HIM, “MAN, WHO MADE ME A JUDGE OR ARBITRATOR OVER YOU?”
¹⁵AND HE SAID TO THEM, “TAKE CARE, AND BE ON YOUR GUARD AGAINST ALL COVETOUSNESS, FOR ONE’S LIFE DOES NOT CONSIST IN THE ABUNDANCE OF HIS POSSESSIONS.” —LUKE 12:13-15**

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I. LOOK OUT: MONEY WILL DECEIVE YOU!
 (LUKE 12:15-21)

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**“COVETOUSNESS IS AN UNQUENCHABLE
THIRST FOR MORE WITHOUT ANY MEASURE
OF HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH.”**

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**¹⁶AND HE TOLD THEM A PARABLE, SAYING, “THE LAND
OF A RICH MAN PRODUCED PLENTIFULLY, ¹⁷AND HE THOUGHT
TO HIMSELF, ‘WHAT SHALL I DO, FOR I HAVE NOWHERE
TO STORE MY CROPS?’ ¹⁸AND HE SAID, ‘I WILL DO THIS:
I WILL TEAR DOWN MY BARNs AND BUILD LARGER ONES,
AND THERE I WILL STORE ALL MY GRAIN AND MY GOODS.
¹⁹AND I WILL SAY TO MY SOUL, “SOUL, YOU HAVE AMPLE
GOODS LAID UP FOR MANY YEARS; RELAX, EAT, DRINK, BE
MERRY.”’ ²⁰BUT GOD SAID TO HIM, ‘FOOL! THIS NIGHT YOUR
SOUL IS REQUIRED OF YOU, AND THE THINGS YOU HAVE
PREPARED, WHOSE WILL THEY BE?’ ²¹SO IS THE ONE
WHO LAYS UP TREASURE FOR HIMSELF AND IS NOT RICH
TOWARD GOD.” —LUKE 12:16-21**

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**⁹BUT THOSE WHO DESIRE TO BE RICH
FALL INTO TEMPTATION, INTO A SNARE,
INTO MANY SENSELESS AND HARMFUL DESIRES
THAT PLUNGE PEOPLE INTO RUIN AND
DESTRUCTION. ¹⁰FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY
IS A ROOT OF ALL KINDS OF EVILS. IT IS THROUGH
THIS CRAVING THAT SOME HAVE WANDERED AWAY
FROM THE FAITH AND PIERCED THEMSELVES WITH
MANY PANGS.—1 TIMOTHY 6:9-10**

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**2. LOOK UP: GOD CARES FOR YOU!
(LUKE 12:22-31)**

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²²AND HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "THEREFORE I TELL YOU, DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT YOUR LIFE, WHAT YOU WILL EAT, NOR ABOUT YOUR BODY, WHAT YOU WILL PUT ON. ²³FOR LIFE IS MORE THAN FOOD, AND THE BODY MORE THAN CLOTHING...

²⁵AND WHICH OF YOU BY BEING ANXIOUS

CAN ADD A SINGLE HOUR TO HIS SPAN OF LIFE?

²⁶IF THEN YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO DO AS SMALL A THING AS THAT, WHY ARE YOU ANXIOUS ABOUT THE REST?...

³⁰FOR ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD SEEK AFTER THESE THINGS, AND YOUR FATHER KNOWS THAT YOU NEED THEM. ³¹INSTEAD, SEEK HIS KINGDOM, AND THESE THINGS WILL BE ADDED TO YOU.

—LUKE 12:22-23, 25-26, 30-31

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"WORRY DOES NOT EMPTY TOMORROW OF ITS SORROW,
IT EMPTIES TODAY OF ITS STRENGTH."

—CORRIE TEN BOOM

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⁶NOW WE COMMAND YOU, BROTHERS, IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THAT YOU KEEP AWAY FROM ANY BROTHER WHO IS WALKING IN IDLENESS AND NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE TRADITION THAT YOU RECEIVED FROM US. ⁷FOR YOU YOURSELVES KNOW HOW YOU OUGHT TO IMITATE US, BECAUSE WE WERE NOT IDLE WHEN WE WERE WITH YOU, ⁸NOR DID WE EAT ANYONE'S BREAD WITHOUT PAYING FOR IT, BUT WITH TOIL AND LABOR WE WORKED NIGHT AND DAY, THAT WE MIGHT NOT BE A BURDEN TO ANY OF YOU. ⁹IT WAS NOT BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE THAT RIGHT, BUT TO GIVE YOU IN OURSELVES AN EXAMPLE TO IMITATE. ¹⁰FOR EVEN WHEN WE WERE WITH YOU, WE WOULD GIVE YOU THIS COMMAND: IF ANYONE IS NOT WILLING TO WORK, LET HIM NOT EAT. ¹¹FOR WE HEAR THAT SOME AMONG YOU WALK IN IDLENESS, NOT BUSY AT WORK, BUT BUSYBODIES. ¹²NOW SUCH PERSONS WE COMMAND AND ENCOURAGE IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DO THEIR WORK QUIETLY AND TO EARN THEIR OWN LIVING. —2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-12

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LET THE THIEF NO LONGER STEAL, BUT RATHER
LET HIM LABOR, DOING HONEST WORK WITH HIS
OWN HANDS, SO THAT HE MAY HAVE SOMETHING
TO SHARE WITH ANYONE IN NEED. —EPHESIANS 4:28

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"YOU CANNOT LEGISLATE THE POOR INTO PROSPERITY BY LEGISLATING THE WEALTHY OUT OF PROSPERITY. WHAT ONE PERSON RECEIVES WITHOUT WORKING FOR ANOTHER PERSON MUST WORK FOR WITHOUT RECEIVING. THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT GIVE TO ANYBODY ANYTHING THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT FIRST TAKE FROM SOMEBODY ELSE. WHEN HALF OF THE PEOPLE GET THE IDEA THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE TO WORK BECAUSE THE OTHER HALF IS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THEM AND WHEN THE OTHER HALF GETS THE IDEA THAT IT DOES NO GOOD TO WORK BECAUSE SOMEBODY ELSE IS GOING TO GET WHAT THEY WORK FOR, THAT MY DEAR FRIEND IS THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ANY NATION. YOU CANNOT MULTIPLY WEALTH BY DIVIDING IT." —ADRIAN ROGERS

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"IT SOUNDS COMPASSIONATE. THE BIBLE CALLS IT SLAVERY. THEY BELIEVED THEY HAD JUST ELECTED COMPASSION. IN TRUTH, THEY HAD CROWNED CONTROL.



"THEY CALL IT PROGRESS, BUT IT'S THE OLDEST LIE IN POLITICS: TRADE YOUR FREEDOM FOR OUR CARE AND WE'LL DECIDE WHAT YOU DESERVE. MAMDANI'S CAMPAIGN SOUNDED LIKE A SERMON ON KINDNESS—CITY-RUN GROCERY STORES, RENT-CONTROLLED HOUSING, FREE CHILDCARE, FARE-FREE BUSES. BUT BEHIND EVERY 'FREE' PROMISE STANDS SOMEONE FORCED TO PAY. AND BEHIND EVERY VOTE FOR DEPENDENCY HIDES THE SLOW EROSION OF FREEDOM.

"SOCIALISM ALWAYS PRESENTS ITSELF AS COMPASSION. BUT SOCIALISM ISN'T CHARITY—IT'S COERCION. SCRIPTURE COMMANDS VOLUNTARY GENEROSITY WITHIN THE CHURCH (ACTS 2:44–45), NOT STATE-IMPOSED REDISTRIBUTION. WHEN GOVERNMENT BECOMES GOD, FREEDOM DIES AND DEPENDENCE BECOMES THE NEW DEVOTION." —VIRGIL WALKER

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3. LOOK AHEAD: HEAVEN AWAITS YOU!

(LUKE 12:31-34)

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³¹INSTEAD, SEEK HIS KINGDOM, AND THESE THINGS WILL BE ADDED TO YOU. ³²"FEAR NOT, LITTLE FLOCK, FOR IT IS YOUR FATHER'S GOOD PLEASURE TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM. ³³SELL YOUR POSSESSIONS, AND GIVE TO THE NEEDY. PROVIDE YOURSELVES WITH MONEYBAGS THAT DO NOT GROW OLD, WITH A TREASURE IN THE HEAVENS THAT DOES NOT FAIL, WHERE NO THIEF APPROACHES AND NO MOTH DESTROYS. ³⁴FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO."
—LUKE 12:31-34

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¹⁷AS FOR THE RICH IN THIS
PRESENT AGE, CHARGE THEM
NOT TO BE HAUGHTY, NOR TO
SET THEIR HOPES ON THE
UNCERTAINTY OF RICHES, BUT
ON GOD, WHO RICHLY PROVIDES
US WITH EVERYTHING TO ENJOY.

¹⁸THEY ARE TO DO GOOD,
TO BE RICH IN GOOD WORKS,
TO BE GENEROUS AND READY
TO SHARE, ¹⁹THUS STORING UP
TREASURE FOR THEMSELVES AS A
GOOD FOUNDATION FOR THE
FUTURE, SO THAT THEY MAY
TAKE HOLD OF THAT WHICH
IS TRULY LIFE.

—1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19

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4. LOOK AROUND: OTHERS NEED YOU!

(LUKE 12:41-48)

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⁴¹PETER SAID, "LORD, ARE
YOU TELLING THIS PARABLE
FOR US OR FOR ALL?"

⁴²AND THE LORD SAID,
"WHO THEN IS THE FAITHFUL
AND WISE MANAGER, WHOM
HIS MASTER WILL SET OVER
HIS HOUSEHOLD, TO GIVE
THEM THEIR PORTION OF
FOOD AT THE PROPER TIME?"

⁴³BLESSED IS THAT SERVANT
WHOM HIS MASTER
WILL FIND SO DOING
WHEN HE COMES.

—LUKE 12:41-43

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EVERYONE TO WHOM MUCH WAS GIVEN, OF HIM
MUCH WILL BE REQUIRED, AND FROM HIM TO WHOM
THEY ENTRUSTED MUCH, THEY WILL DEMAND THE MORE.

—LUKE 12:48b

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**"I DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH,
BUT I FIRMLY BELIEVE IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF IT."**

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How Can I Pay it Forward?

- **RECOGNIZE EVERYTHING YOU RECEIVE INCLUDES
A BLESSING YOU CAN SHARE**

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How Can I Pay it Forward?

- **REMEMBER NOTHING YOU POSSESS WILL BE
CARRIED OUT WITH YOU**

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**“HAPPINESS DOESN’T RESULT FROM WHAT WE GET,
BUT WHAT WE GIVE.” —DR. BEN CARSON**

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How Can I Pay it Forward?

- **REALIZE WHETHER HAVING MUCH OR LITTLE, WE MUST
HOLD EVERYTHING LOOSELY AND GIVE FREELY**

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**“EVERYTHING YOU HAVE
BELONGS TO GOD.
HE OWNS IT ALL.
IF YOU MAINTAIN THAT
PERSPECTIVE, THEN YOUR
GRIP AUTOMATICALLY
LOOSENS... GOD DOESN'T
CARE HOW MUCH YOU HAVE,
WHETHER IT'S A LITTLE OR A
LOT; HE SIMPLY WANTS OUR
UNQUESTIONED DEVOTION
TO HIM ABOVE ALL,
AND FOR YOU TO USE
WHAT HE HAS GIVEN YOU
FOR HIS KINGDOM.”
—CHARLES SWINDOLL**

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**“THE CHURCH MUST MODEL A BETTER ECONOMY, ONE BUILT ON
WORK, STEWARDSHIP, FAMILY, AND VOLUNTARY GENEROSITY ROOTED
IN THE GOSPEL. THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL. THIS IS OUR CALLING.**

**“CIVIL GOVERNMENT HAS A BIBLICAL ROLE: TO PUNISH EVIL AND
UPHOLD JUSTICE (ROMANS 13:1–4). BUT IT CANNOT LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR, DISCIPLE YOUR CHILDREN, OR REPLACE THE COMMUNITY
GOD DESIGNED THE CHURCH TO BE.**

**“GOD ESTABLISHED DISTINCT SPHERES OF AUTHORITY
(FAMILY, CHURCH, AND STATE), EACH WITH ITS OWN JURISDICTION
UNDER HIS LAW. THIS IS THE DOCTRINE OF SPHERE SOVEREIGNTY.
AND IT'S NOT SOME ARCANE THEOLOGICAL CONCEPT—
IT'S THE FOUNDATION OF HUMAN FREEDOM.**

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“WHEN ONE SPHERE ENCROACHES ON ANOTHER,
TYRANNY FOLLOWS. WHEN THE STATE ASSUMES THE ROLES
OF FAMILY AND CHURCH, IT DOESN'T JUST FAIL AT THOSE TASKS,
IT ENSLAVES THE PEOPLE IT CLAIMS TO SERVE.

“FREEDOM FLOURISHES WHEN CHARITY IS PERSONAL,
WHEN COMMUNITIES CARE FOR THEIR OWN,
AND WHEN DEPENDENCE ON GOD REPLACES DEPENDENCE
ON GOVERNMENT. THE GOSPEL, NOT GOVERNMENT,
IS THE ONLY POWER THAT FREES MEN FROM ENVY AND BONDAGE.
UNTIL HEARTS ARE CHANGED, NO BUDGET CAN FIX
WHAT SIN HAS BROKEN.”

—VIRGIL WALKER

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