



# GENEROSITY



# A WARNING AGAINST GREED



# 1 TIMOTHY 6:9-10 (ESV)

But 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. For 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.



# LUKE 12:15 (NIV)

Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”





# 1 TIMOTHY 6:17 (NIV)

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3.3 billion people (43.6%)  
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**IN THE U.S.**

**34.6 million people live  
below the poverty line  
(less than \$33.26/day)**

US Census Bureau 2019 Data

<https://www.census.gov/library/publications/2020/demo/p60-270.html>



# A REMINDER TO TRUST GOD





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# HEBREWS 13:5-6 (ESV)

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”







IN GOD WE TRUST





# AN INVITATION TO GENEROSITY







**20% of U.S. Christians give \$0 annually to churches,  
parachurch organizations, and nonreligious charities**

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**The top 5% of givers account for  
59.6% of all contributions**

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# 1 TIMOTHY 6:18-19 (NIV)

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# 1 JOHN 3:17-18 (NIV)

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.





