



## GENEROUS LIKE JESUS

Jesus is remarkably generous. He's so generous that He can't seem to keep anything to Himself. Whatever His Father gives Him, He shares freely with His people.

He gave up His power and glory in Heaven to become one of us. On earth, He was anointed with power that was beyond anything the world had ever seen, and yet, instead of using it for His own gain, He used it to liberate people. He even gave up His innocence before God to take our place on a cruel, rugged cross.

He was taken so you could be free. He was condemned so you could be forgiven. He was cursed so you could be blessed. He was forsaken so you would never be alone. He died so you could have life.

The breadth of His love is so great that He gives all He has for our sakes. As 2 Corinthians 8:9 NLT says, *"You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that by His poverty He could make you rich."*

Isn't He wonderful? Who has ever loved you like He loves you? Who has ever given for you like He has given for you? There is no one like Jesus, the author of life who gave Himself up to death so you could live forever with Him.

As His followers, we, too, ought to be remarkably generous with our lives—people who use what God has given us to enrich the lives of others. Today, let's reflect on how generous the Lord has been to us, and then let us go and live generously toward others. For Jesus

Himself said in Matthew 10:8 NIV, “Freely you have received, freely give.”

## VERSES TO READ

Philippians 2:3-11

1 John 4:10-11

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- How has the Lord been generous to me? (Take a few moments to reflect on this and then thank Him for what He has done in your life.)
- What can I do to be more generous toward God and others?

## PRAYER TO PRAY

*Father, thank You for what You've done in my life. I stand in awe of how good and generous You are. You know that I deserved the worst. I deserved punishment and wrath, but You placed it all on Your Son, so now I get to experience the riches of Your grace. When I consider how You've treated me, I desire to treat others with that same generous spirit, so I can reflect who You are. Lead me today, I pray, and open my eyes to ways I can live with greater generosity. In Jesus' name, amen.*