

Our Generous God



THE BEAUTY IN GIVING

John 3:16-17

1. God pursues us when we run.



How does God demonstrate His generosity?

“¹⁶**For God** so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

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God pursues us...

...through His actions.



God Pursues Us



“⁸When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So, they hid from the Lord God among the trees. ⁹Then the Lord God called to the man, ‘**Where are you?**’”

Genesis 3:8-9 (TNIV)

God Pursues Us



“But God demonstrates
His own love toward us,
in that while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8

God pursues us...

...through His actions.

...through His creation.



God Pursues Us



“¹⁸The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of human beings who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them....”

Romans 1:18-21

God Pursues Us



“²⁰For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, **being understood from what has been made**, so that people are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

Romans 1:18-21

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...through His actions.

...through His creation.

...through our hearts.



God Pursues Us



“They show that God’s law is not something alien, imposed on us from without, but woven into the very fabric of our creation. There is something deep within them that echoes God’s yes and no, right and wrong.”

Romans 2:15

2.

God patient with us when we ignore Him.



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God is Patient with Us



“⁷God wasn’t attracted to you and didn’t choose you because you were big and important—the fact is, there was almost nothing to you. ⁸**He did it out of sheer love**, keeping the promise he made to your ancestors. God stepped in and mightily bought you back out of that world of slavery, freed you from the iron grip of Pharaoh king of Egypt.”

Deuteronomy 7:7-8

3.



**How does God
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His generosity?**

**God provides for us when
we are in need.**

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4.



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**God protects us when
we deserve to perish.**

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God Protects Us



“⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.
⁶**We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”**

Isaiah 53:5-6

**What does a generous God
expect from us?**

**God wants us to
*believe in Him***

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God Wants Us to Believe



“¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:15-16

**What does a generous God
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**God wants us to
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The Main Thing

God's generosity is motivated by His love for us. Living a generous life is not an obligation, not a law, not a mandate, but a response of our hearts to God.

