

Giving is good... and the transformation of lives through love requires our generosity, not just our convenience.



GENEROSITY

The Lifestyle of the Divine

(n.) Abundantly giving; Freedom from meanness, smallness of mind or character.



“Generosity: the moral orientation to freely give and to be concerned about the welfare of others.”

Pastor A.R. Bernard

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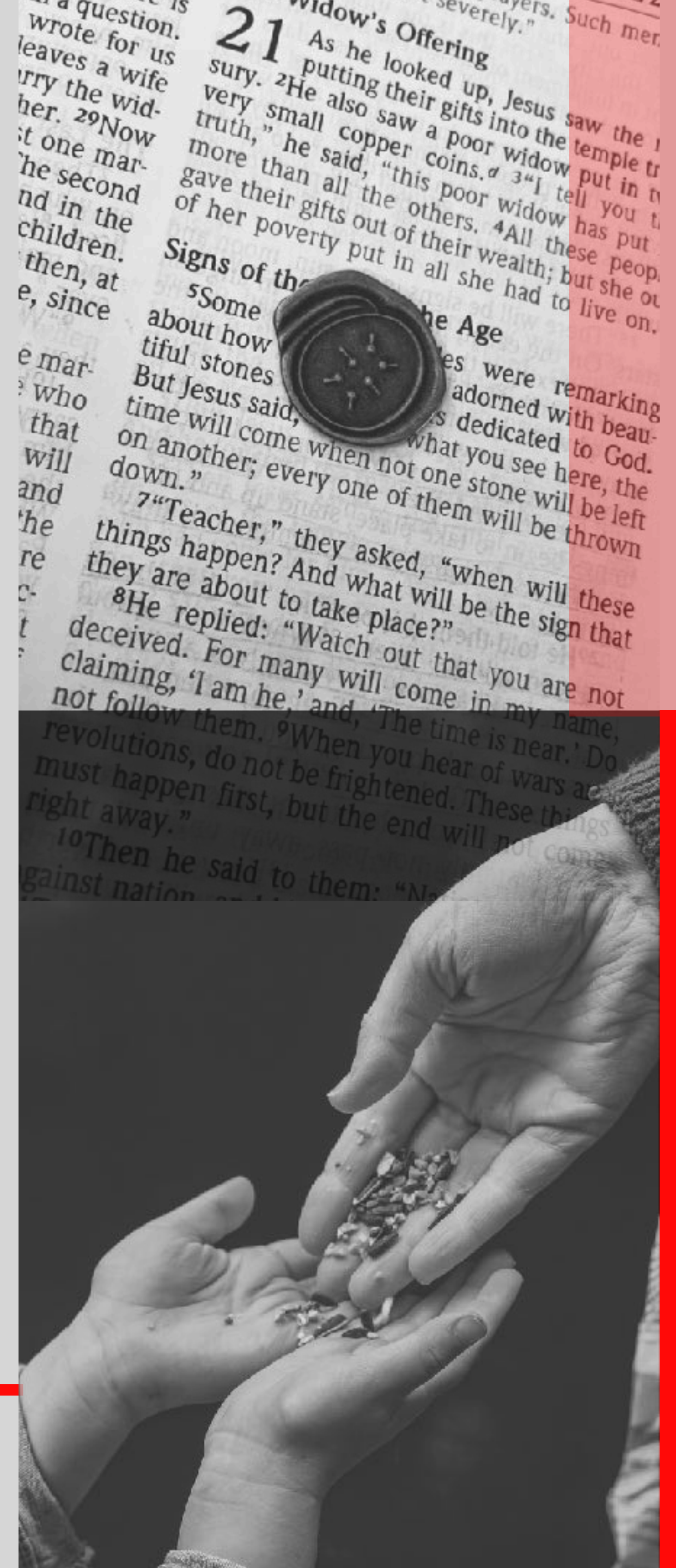
I hope we will be radically generous people, who faithfully witness our trust in Jesus and His loving, generous disposition.



“Beloved friend, I pray that you are prospering in every way and that you continually enjoy good health, just as your soul is prospering.”

3 John 2 - The Passion Translation

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Emotional Generosity: to be present and willing to feel, take perspective, and share another person's experiences and emotions, while maintaining a hopeful attitude.



Is God Emotionally Generous?

“He was despised and rejected — a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief...”

Isaiah 53:3 - New Living Translation

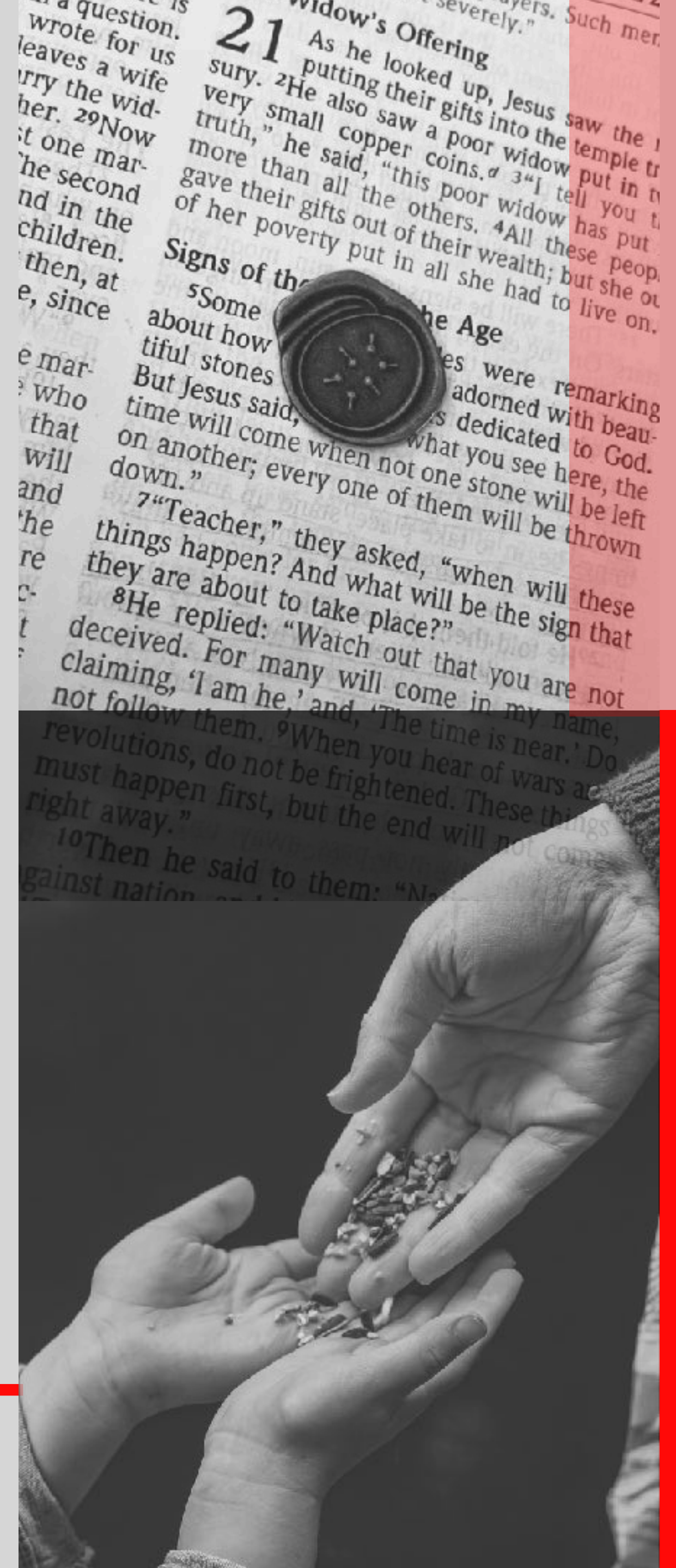


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“At that same time Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit...”

Luke 10:21 - New Living Translation

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Why should we be emotionally generous?

John 17:23

Romans 12:5, 9



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“Human beings are especially created to image God, and a significant part of that imaging is fellowship. In our relationships with each other we model the community of the Trinity.”

- Marva Dawn



How do I practice emotional generosity?

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How do I practice emotional generosity?

Enemies of Practicing Emotional Generosity:

1. Hurry - I'm not present.
2. Crowds - There's no room for honesty.
3. Noise - I can't see another and all I hear is me.



"Prosperity is not about becoming financially wealthy. It means being productive. It means the gifts, talents, and abilities that God has put inside of you reach their maximum level of productivity to be a blessing through them to the rest of the world."

Dr. A.R. Bernard

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A Call to Action:

1. Experience the emotions of God.
2. Heal so you can feel.
3. Embrace silence and be present.
4. Do perspective taking without comparison.
5. Slow down and practice hospitality.

