

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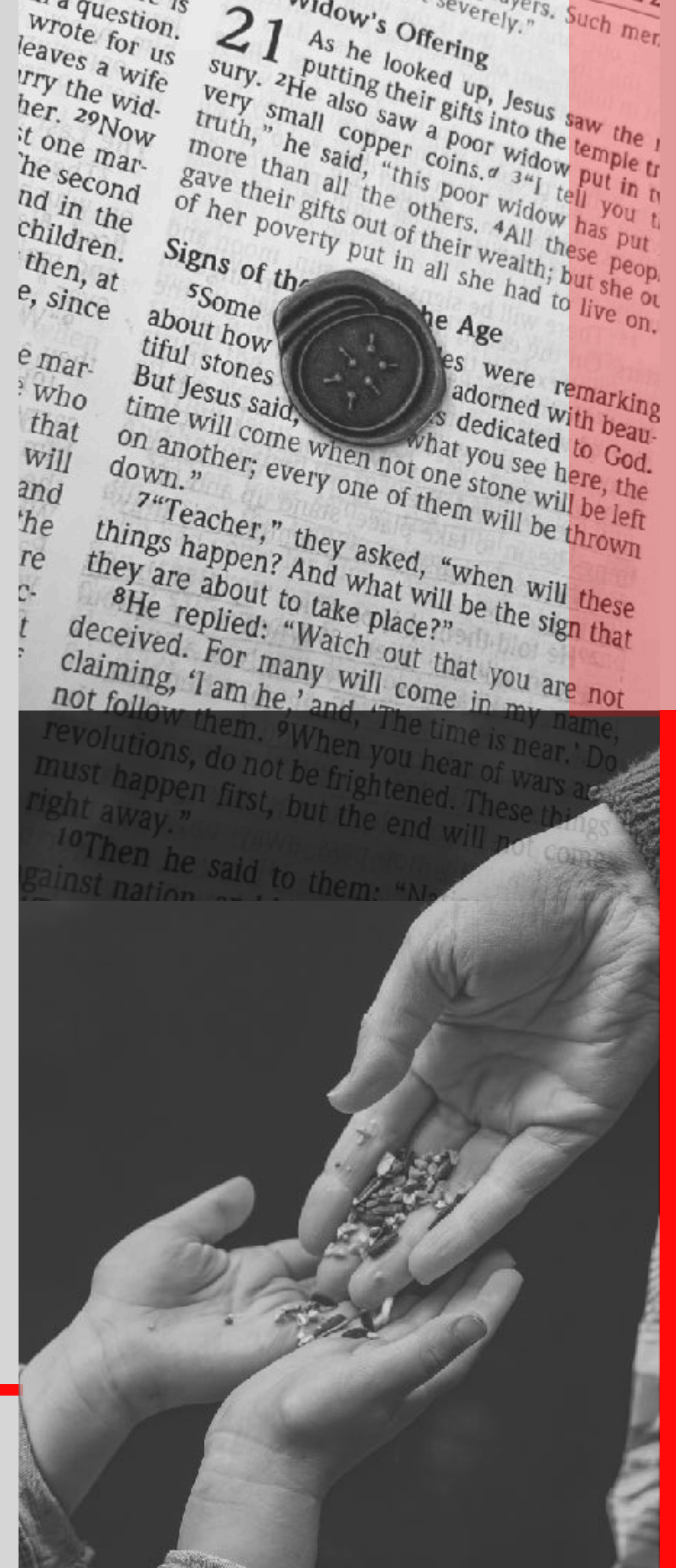
I hope we will be radically generous people who faithfully witness our trust in Jesus and His loving, generous disposition.



Common Reasons for a Miserly Heart:

Fear — Abuse / Manipulation — Selfishness
Ignorance — Debt

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“Do not be *deceived*, Adonai is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.”

Galatians 6:7 NASB

Deceived: “to be led astray; to lead off course.”

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“Stop being deceived.”

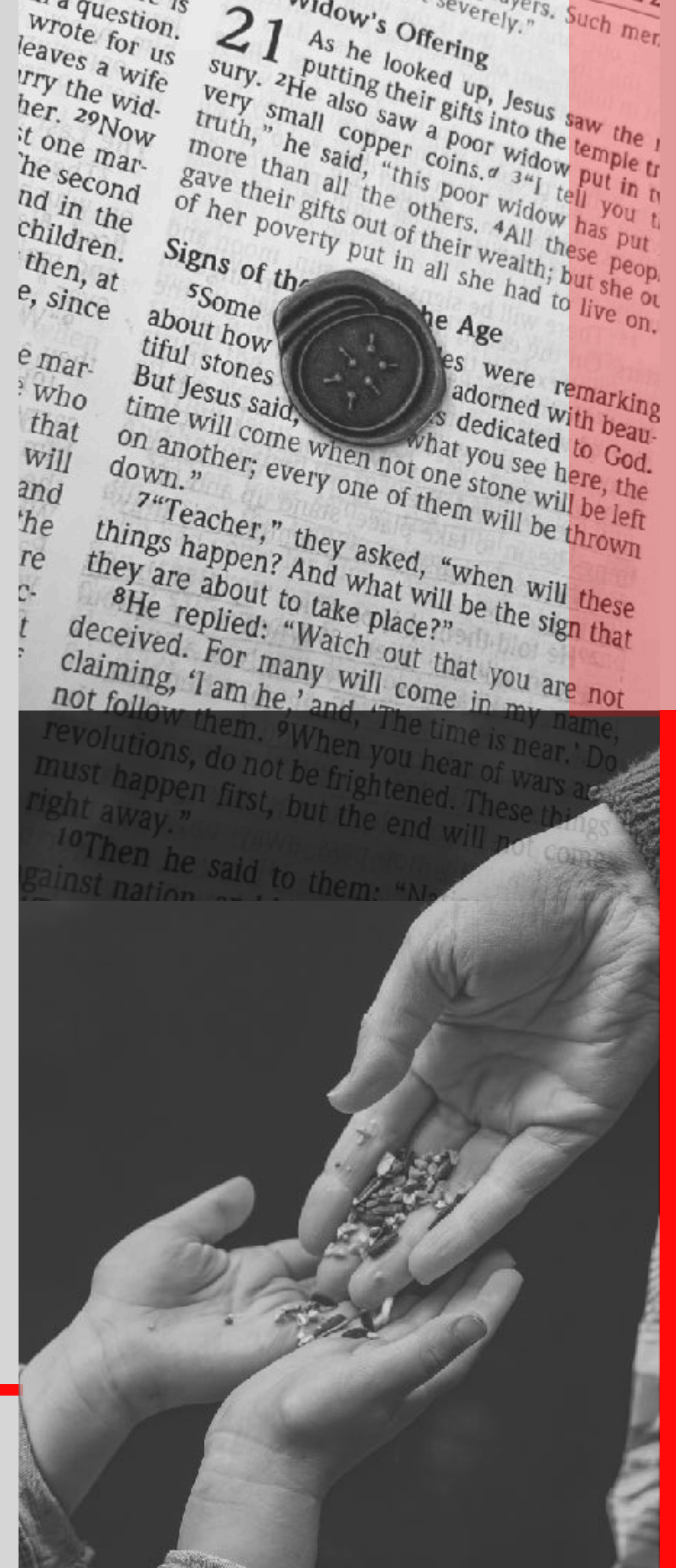
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Adonai is love.
Love is generous.
Therefore, Adonai is lovingly generous.



“Yielding seed...” (plant life)

Genesis 1:11-12 NASB

“Be fruitful and multiply...” (water creatures and winged animals)

Genesis 1:22 NASB

“Bring forth living creatures...” (cattle, creeping things, beasts of the earth)

Genesis 1:24-25 NASB

“Be fruitful and multiply...” (to man and woman)

Genesis 1:28- NASB



“For this is how Adonai loved the world: He *gave* his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16 NLT

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“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to *give* his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:28 NLT

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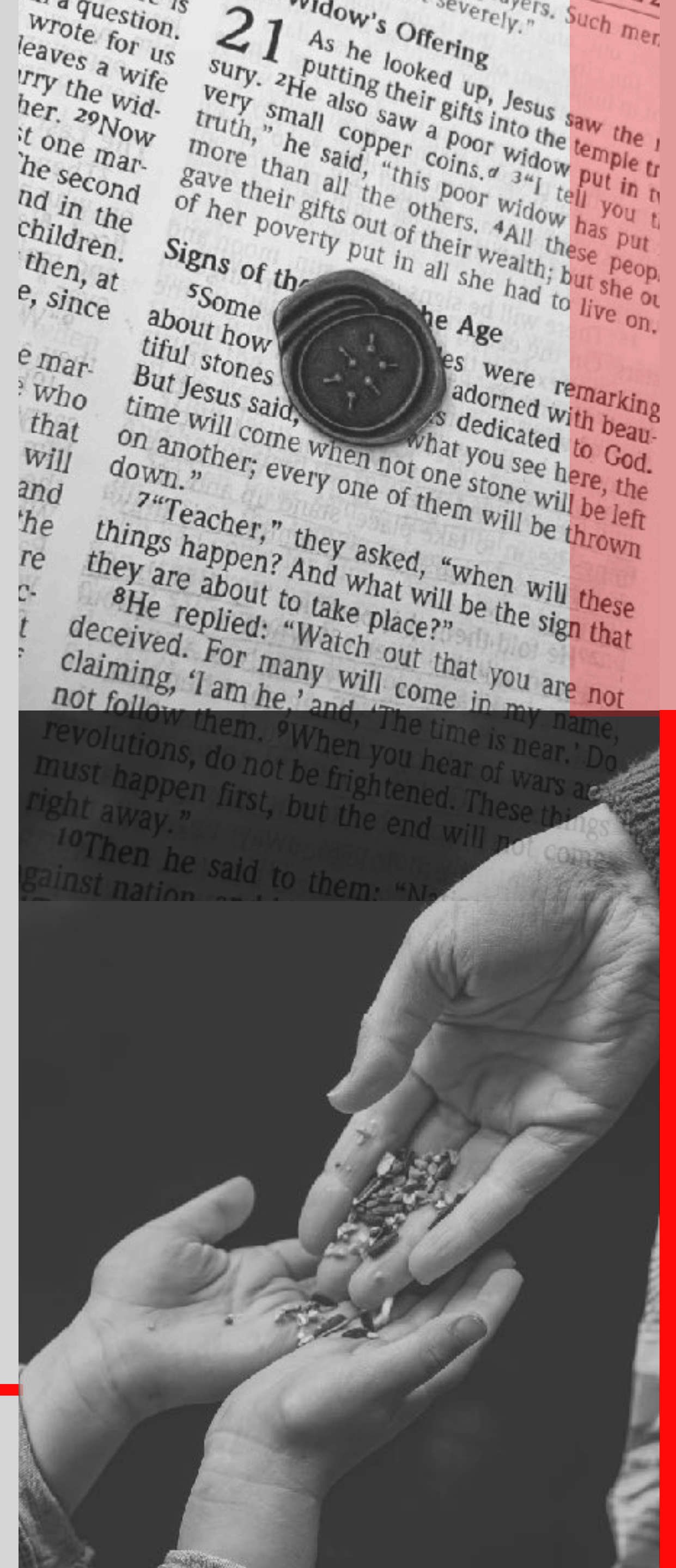


“But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of Adonai, who *gives* to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to you.”

James 1:5 NASB

Gives: “one in the habit of constantly giving.”

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Types of a Generosity / Giving:

1. Tithe (*Leviticus 27:30, Matthew 23:23*)



“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to *tithe* with even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law — justice, mercy, and faith. *You should tithe*, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.”

Matthew 23:23 NLT



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1. Tithe (*Leviticus 27:30, Matthew 23:23*)
2. Offering (*Exodus 35:5, Deuteronomy 16:10, 2 Corinthians 9:2, 1 Corinthians 9:11-12*)
3. First Fruits (*Deuteronomy 14:22*)
4. Alms (*Matthew 6:4*)
- *5. Grace Giving (*2 Corinthians 8 & 9*)



“While Jesus was in the temple, he watched the rich people dropping their gifts in the collection box. Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins. ‘*I tell you truth,*’ Jesus said, ‘*this poor widow **has given more** than all the rest of them. For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has.*’”

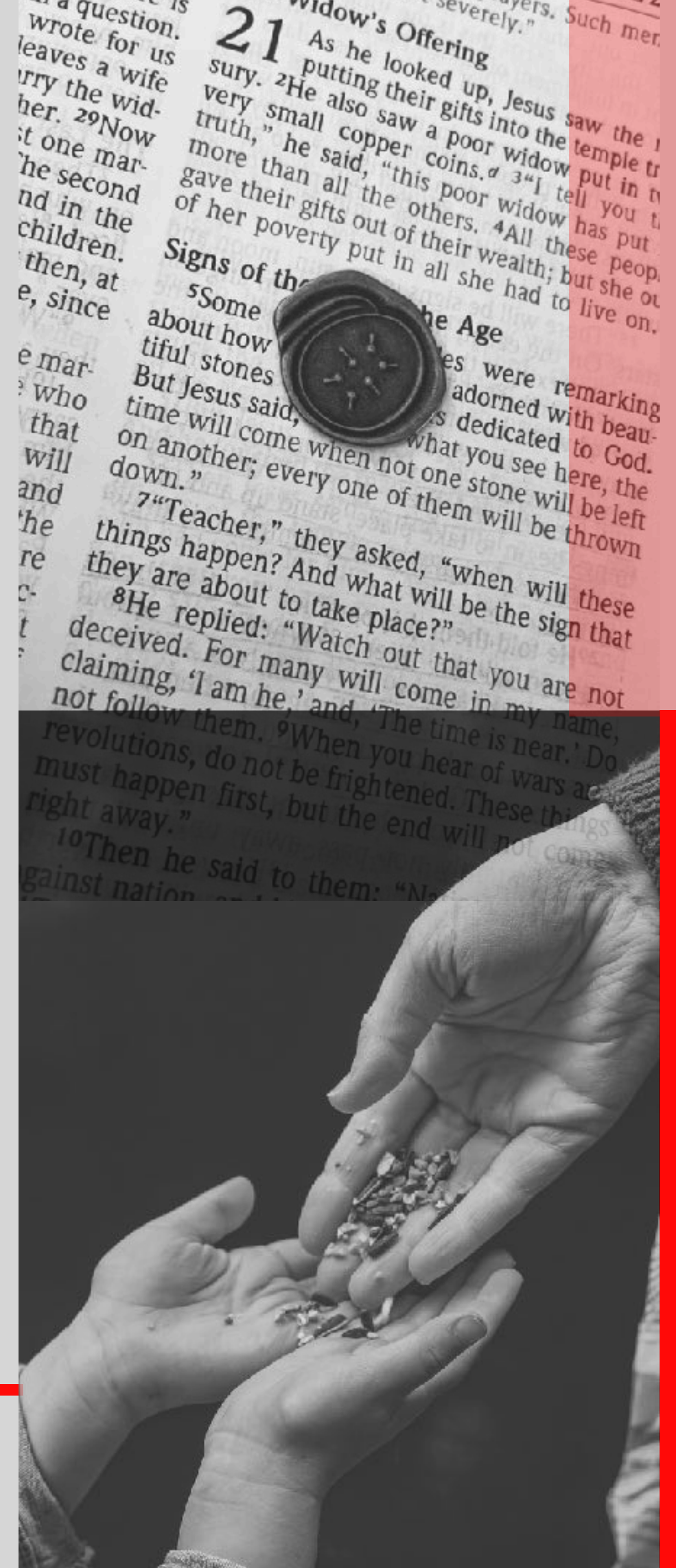
Luke 21:1-4 NLT

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Qualities of a Generous Lifestyle:

- * Private Generosity (Matthew 6:1)
- * Abundant Generosity (2 Corinthians 9:6)
- * Purposeful Generosity (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- * Cheerful Generosity (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- * Trusting Generosity (2 Corinthians 9:8)



“Ships don’t sink because of the water ***around*** them. Ships sink because of the water that gets ***in*** them. Don’t let what’s happening around you get inside of you and cause you to sink.”

Anonymous



Reasons why I will be generous:

1. I was taught to tithe and give.
2. To resist personal greed.
3. To resist the spirit of the age.
4. To support the salaries of people who are dedicated to care for my soul.
5. To support the Kingdom vision of a local church.
6. Being generous improves the health of a person.
7. I am going to be loving and love is generous.



A Call to Action:

1. Make generosity a priority when you receive an income.
2. Start where you are and give.
3. Pause, give thanks, and offer a prayer.
4. Enroll in Financial Peace University. *(September 2022)*
5. Renounce any sin & lie about lack that you have done & accepted. Renounce a poverty mindset.



"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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“Wherever your treasure is, there, the desires of your heart will also be.”

Matthew 6:21 NLT



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The posture of a generous heart is more important than the percentage of its generosity.

