

CONTAGIOUS GENEROSITY #1

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

~James' letter to the scattered Jewish believers in Jesus (James 1:17 NIV)

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness..."

~God's words regarding the creation of Humankind (Genesis 1:26 NIV)

_____ is hardwired into our _____.

Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

~The Creation Account as recorded by Moses in his *Beginnings* document (Genesis 2:7 NIV)

"By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

~The words of God as recorded by Moses in his *Beginnings* document (Genesis 3:19 NIV)

_____ puts the _____ to sleep in our lives.



_____ makes us _____.

Selfish people _____ on the ultimate _____ of God.

One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

~From the Wise Sayings of King Solomon (Proverbs 11:24-25 NIV)

1. Put your trust in _____, not in _____.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

~Paul's words to his student, Timothy, regarding things that should be taught (1 Timothy 6:17-19 NIV)

2. Get your wisdom from the _____, not from His _____.

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

~The words of Jesus' brother, James, to the Jewish believers (James 1:5 NIV)

3. _____ what God _____ you to _____ what God _____ you.

I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

~The words of Jesus as recorded by the doctor, Luke, in his biography of the life of Jesus (Luke 16:9 NIV)

We're to _____ the _____ that God _____ from _____ to _____ the _____ that God _____ and _____.