

The Good & Beautiful God  
“God Is Generous”

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My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

You can be sure that God will take care of **everything you need**, his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus. Philippians 4:19 (MSG)

## How To Experience God's Generosity

### Accept The Generosity Of God.

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. Matthew 20:1-2 (NIV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 (NIV)

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort? Galatians 3:1-3 (NIV)

### Give Yourself To Serve God's Purposes.

“About the third hour he went out and saw others **standing in the marketplace doing nothing**. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. “He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ “**Because no one has hired us,**’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ Matthew 20:3-7 (NIV)

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus... Philippians 2:4-5 (NIV)

### Resist The Comparison Game.

“...the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ “The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These men who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ “But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’” Matthew 20:8-15 (NIV)

Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else... Galatians 6:4 (NIV)