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**I was made by God and for God.**

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**Know God - Grow Intentionally**

**4 Group**

**We were made to make a difference...**

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For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

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**Make a Difference through...**

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**Make a Difference through...**

**Generosity**

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**Make a Difference through...**

**Generosity  
Serving**

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**Make a Difference through...**

**Generosity  
Serving  
Sharing the Gospel**

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For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.  
Matthew 6:21

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**Generosity is something God wants  
NOT FROM us but FOR us.**

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<sup>1</sup> We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, <sup>2</sup> for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. <sup>3</sup> For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, <sup>4</sup> begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— <sup>5</sup> and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

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<sup>6</sup> Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. <sup>7</sup> But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. <sup>8</sup> I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. <sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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**MYTH #1**

**CHRISTIANS GIVE GENEROUSLY BECAUSE  
THEY ARE NATURALLY NOBLE**

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<sup>1</sup> We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia,

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## MYTH #2

### CHRISTIANS GIVE GENEROUSLY ONLY WHEN THEY HAVE THE RESOURCES

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<sup>2</sup> for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

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### **MYTH #3**

### **CHRISTIANS GIVE ONLY WHAT THEY CAN AFFORD TO GIVE**

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<sup>3</sup> For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, <sup>4</sup> begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints

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## **MYTH #4**

### **CHRISTIANS GIVE GENEROUSLY ONLY WHEN COERCED TO**

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<sup>4</sup> begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— <sup>5</sup> and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

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## **MYTH #5**

### **CHRISTIANS GIVE GENEROUSLY WHEN THEY HAVE THE SPIRITUAL GIFT OF GIVING**

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<sup>7</sup> But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. <sup>8</sup> I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.

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## **MYTH #6**

**CHRISTIANS GIVE GENEROUSLY  
MAINLY TO GET SOMETHING**

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<sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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