

## GENEROUS PEOPLE: • HAPPIER UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME CENTER FOR STUDY OF GENEROSITY

• HAPPIER
• HEALTHIER

- HAPPER
- HEALTHER
  - · LESS DEPRESSED

· LOWER BLOOD PRESSURE

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 REDUCED STRESS

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- LONGER LIFE SPANS

# GENEROUS PEOPLE: BETTER MOODS

BETTER MOODS
 BETTER MARRIAGES

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- BETTER MARRIAGES
- MORE FRIENDS

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# 1. The Reward of Generosity: A Rich Life

Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

(Luke 6:38, NIV)

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

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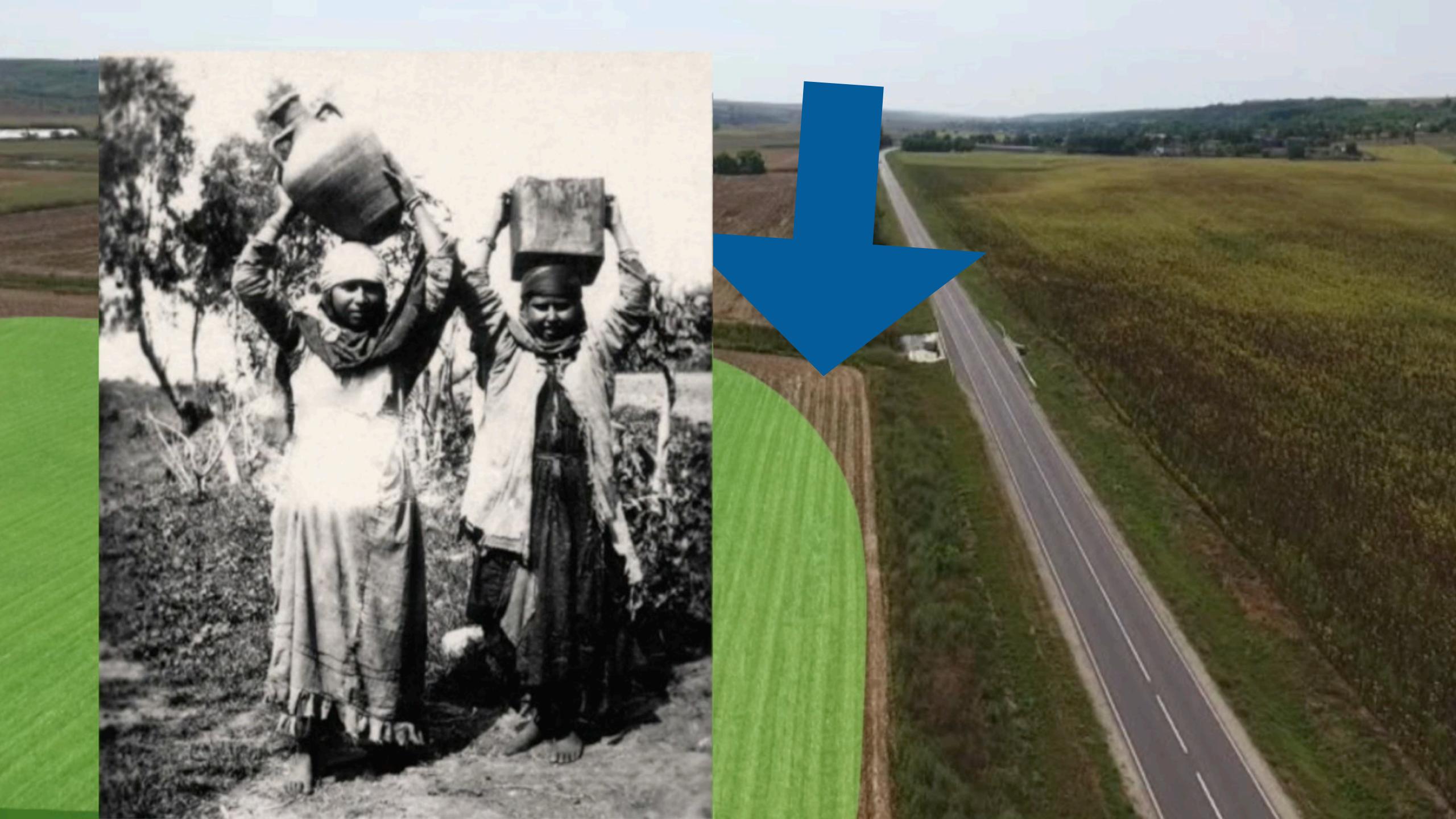
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## 2. The Reason for Generosity:

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them.

(Luke 6:32-33, NIV)

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that."

(Luke 6:32-33, NIV)

"And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full."

(Luke 6:34, NIV)

#### Liberalitas:

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Giving to please the recipient in the hope that the recipient would return the favor



"But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back." (Luke 6:35a, NIV)

"But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great..." (Luke 6:35b, NIV)

"...and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked."

(Luke 6:35c, NIV)

"...and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

(Luke 6:35c,36, NIV)

# 2. The Reason for Generosity: To be like our Father

#### Caritas:

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Giving to relieve physical or spiritual distress without expecting anything in return

#### Caritas:

## No-strings-attached generosity



The kindness of Christians to strangers... has done the most to advance their cause!"

—Emperor Julian



### We do not give because it works

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## We give because God gave first

# 3. The Result of Generosity:

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#### "Each tree is recognized by its own fruit..."

(Luke 6:44-45, NIV)

"Each tree is recognized by its own fruit... A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart." (Luke 6:44-45, NIV)

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16, NIV)

# We have the potential to introduce people to grace

## Generosity is grace made visible."

-Matt Chandler



