

Generosity

new series:

A generous life!

Knowing the joy that comes from giving more than what is strictly expected.

Generosity...I'm out!



Generosity..Incorrect view.



“I was shocked to learn that being generous has much more to do with what you believe about God as your loving Father and your identity as his child...

... this change of thinking resulted in me being smart, wise and deliriously happy.”

Chip Ingram

Paul told Timothy...

“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...”

“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 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.”

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Four foundational truths about generosity:

Generosity is more than money -
it is a mindset.

Four foundational truths about generosity:

A generous life is the calling of every follower of Jesus.

“The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,”

Ps. 24:1

Four foundational truths about generosity:

A generous life reflects the
generosity of our God.

(Think “reflect HIM” not “rule to keep”)

“Be holy, because I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:16

“Love one another as I have loved you.”

John 13:34

“Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you.”

Col. 3: 13

Generous =

A child of NOBLE birth!

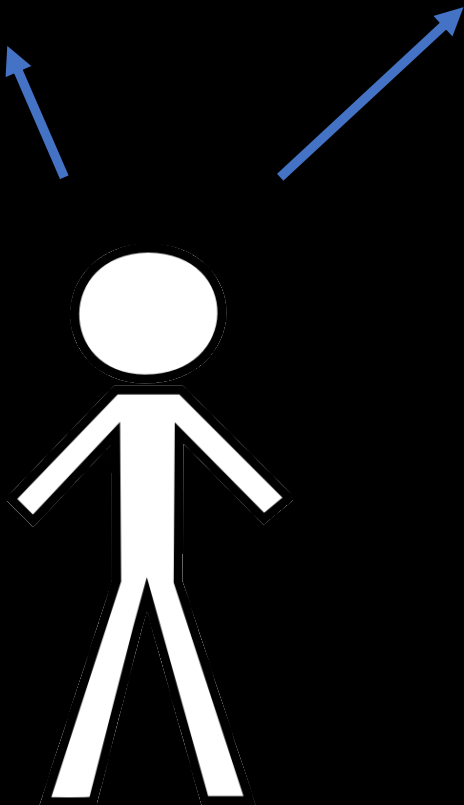


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God's resources

your
resources



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Prove to me
God been
Generous!



Proofs of God's generosity:

CREATION



and God saw that it was good...





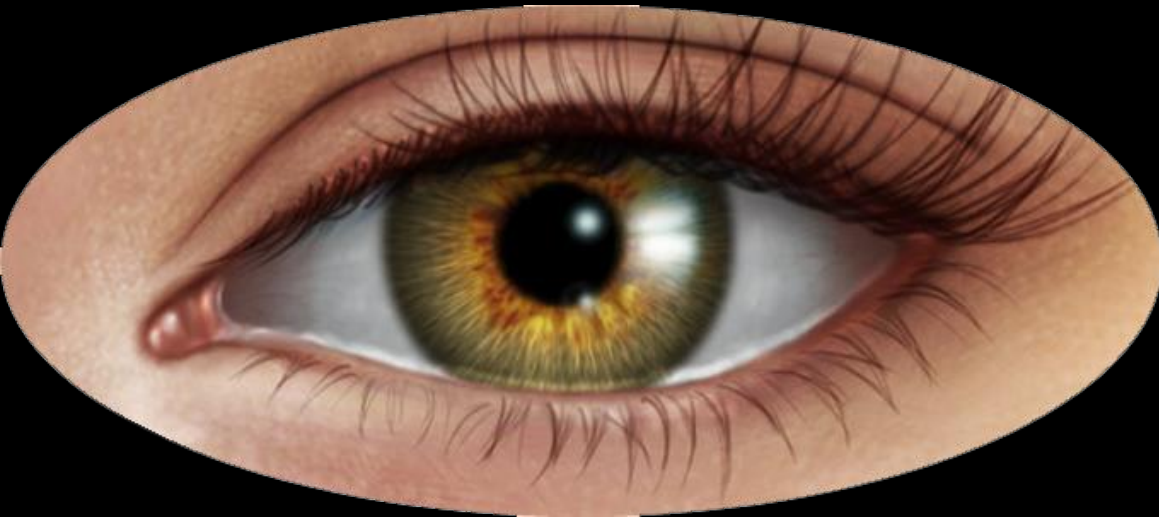
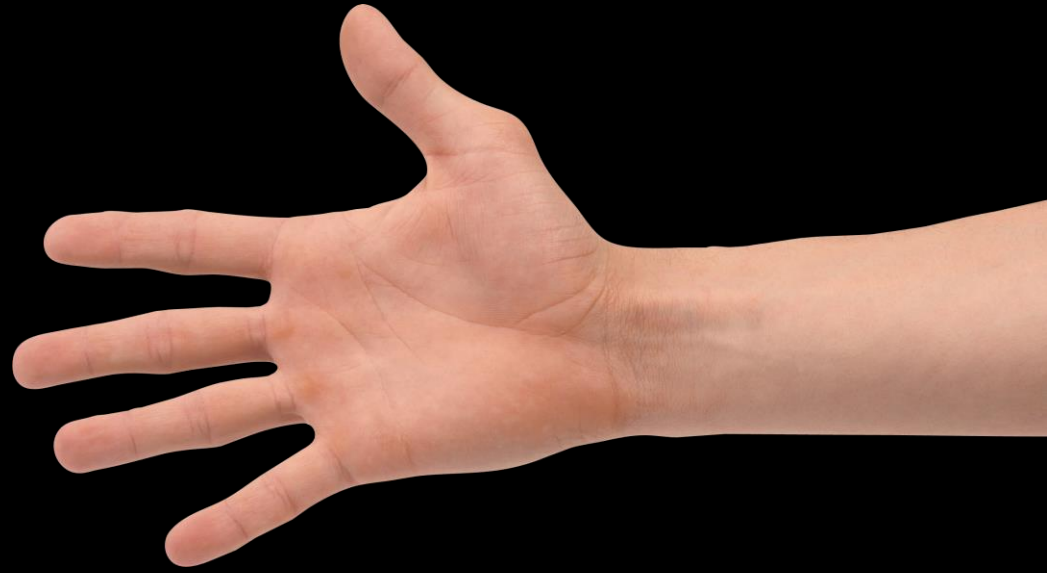


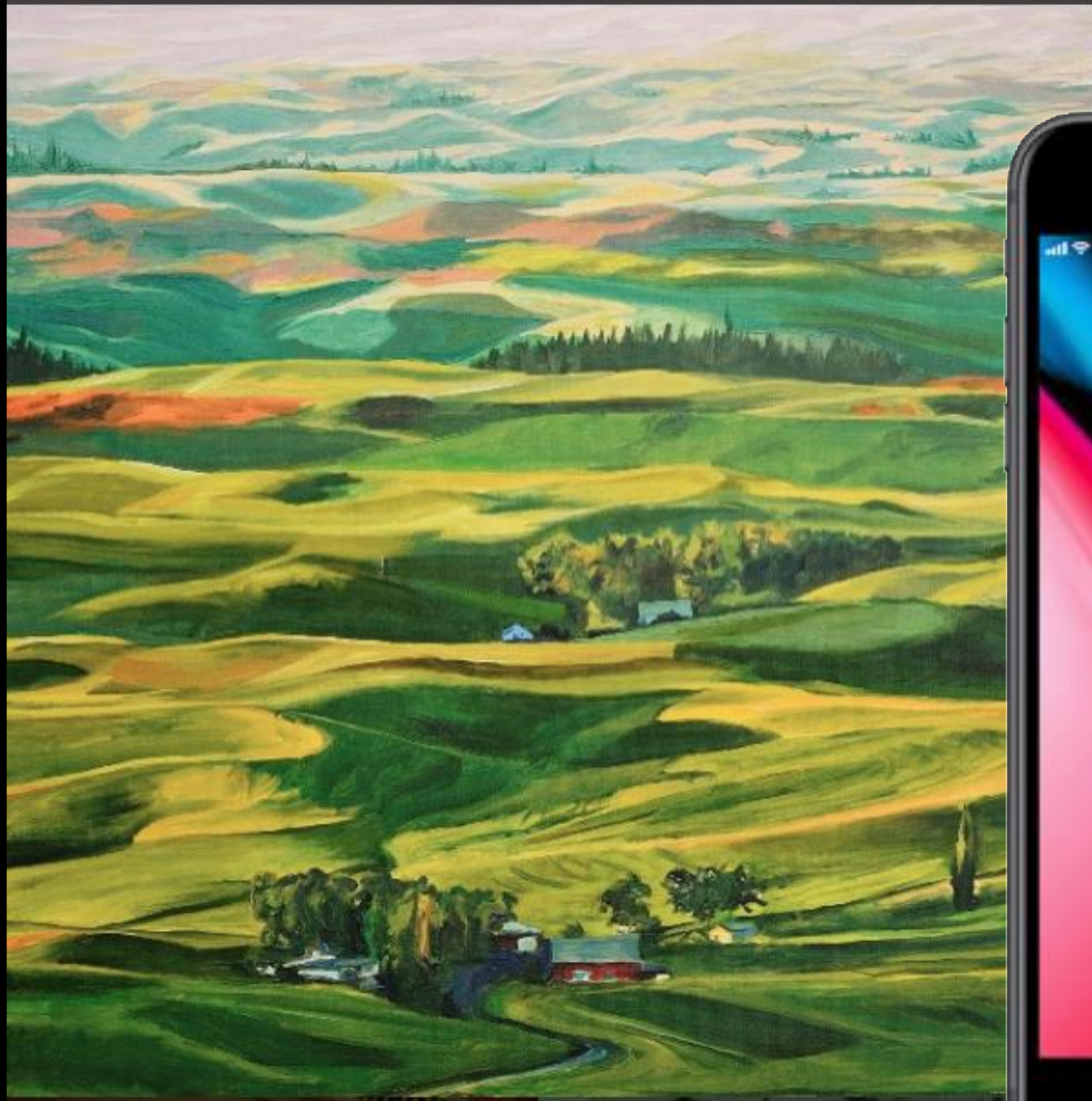




The heavens declare the glory of God!

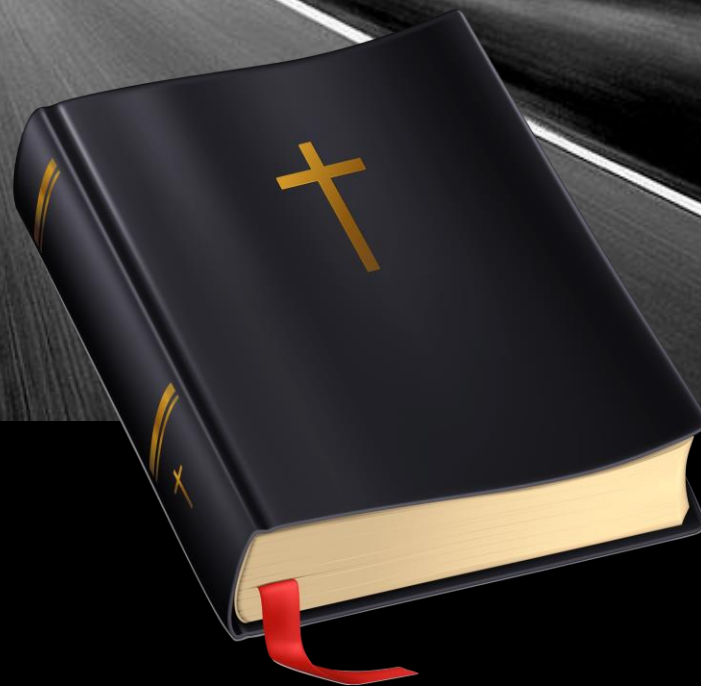






Proofs of God's generosity:

A CLEAR
DIRECTION



“Oh, how I love your law! I meditate
on it all day long.”

Ps

119:97

“Joyful are people of integrity, who
follow the instructions of the
LORD.”

Ps.

119:1

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and
a light unto my path.”

Ps 119: 105

“But when he, the Holy Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.”

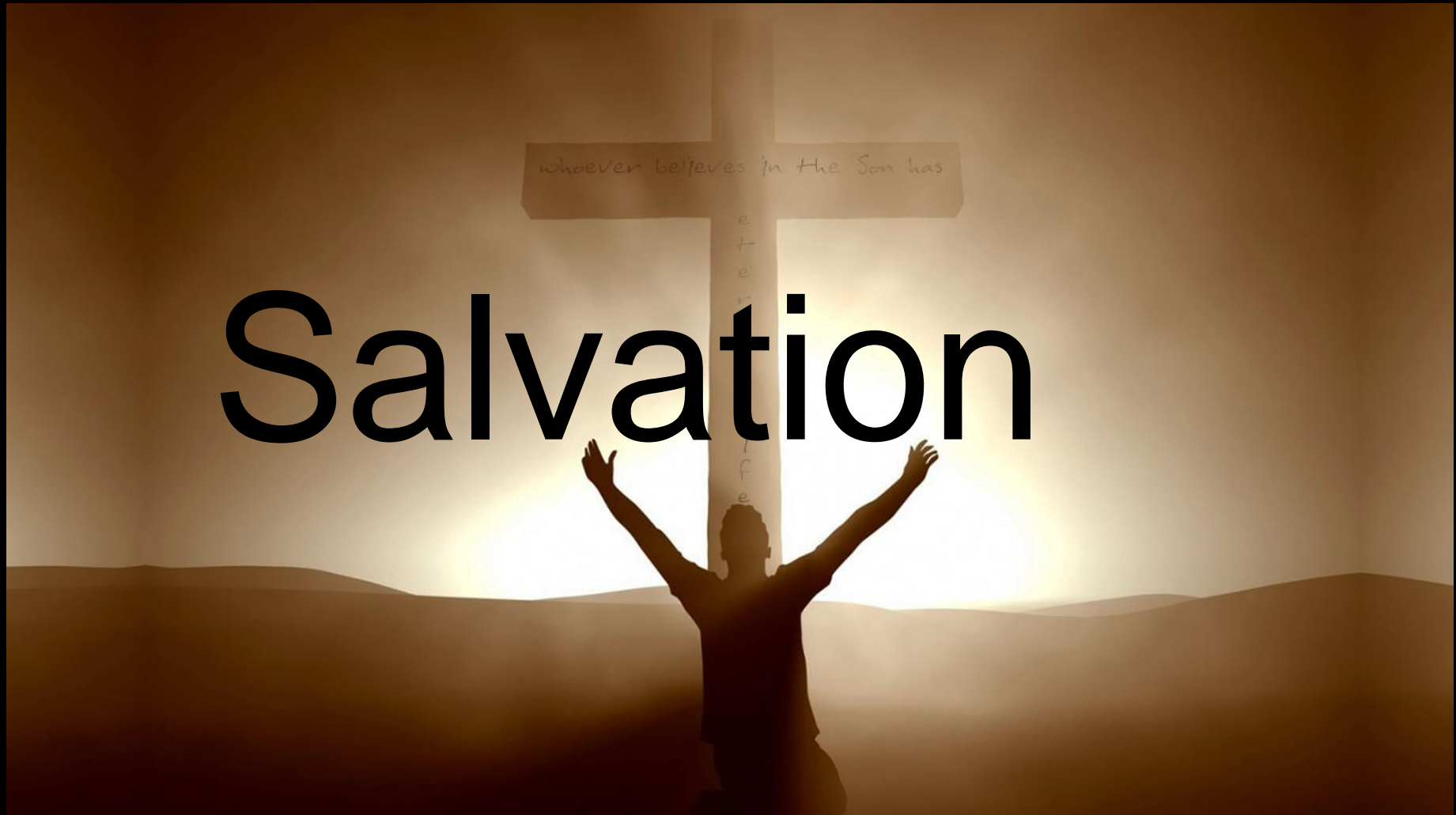
John 16:13

Proofs of God's generosity:

Salvation

whoever believes in the Son has

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JOHN 3

15 so that whoever ¹believes will
^ain Him have eternal life. ^aJn 20:31

16“For God so ^aloved the world,
 that He gave His only begotten
 Son, that whoever believes in
 Him shall not perish, but have
 eternal life. ^aRo 5:8

17“For God did not send the Son
 into the world ^ato judge the
 world, but that the world might
 be saved through Him. ^aLk 19:10

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MATTHEW

MARK

LUKE

MICAH

ISAIAH

SONG OF SOLOMON

CHRONICLES

WILL WORK
FOR
SALVATION

What does it all
mean?

Today is an invitation to
an **ABUNDANCE** mindset



In an ABUNDANCE mindset..

We can't is replaced with *God can!*

“Why?” is replaced with *“Why not?”*.



J.R. Tolkien

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