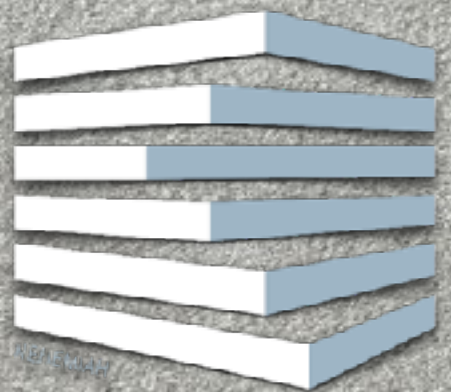


# GOOD WORKS

**WORKS DON'T MAKE YOU GOOD  
GOOD MAKES YOU WORK**



**THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH**

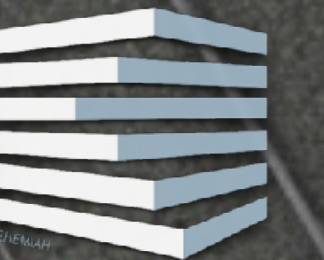


**GOOD**

**WORKS**

**GOOD  
WORKS  
TO GIVE  
GENEROUSLY**

**NEHEMIAH 5:1-13**





# NEHEMIAH

NEH 5:14-19

# THE WIDOW

LUKE 21:1-4

# THE GOOD SAMARITAN

LUKE 10:25-37

**GOOD WORKS**

**GENEROUS  
PEOPLE  
GIVE...**

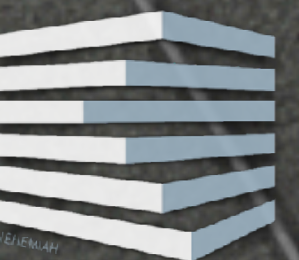




**GENEROUS PEOPLE GIVE**  
CONSTANTLY, HABITUALLY,  
AND SYSTEMATICALLY OVER  
A LIFETIME...

NEHEMIAH 5:1-2

THE TIME THAT I WAS APPOINTED TO BE THEIR  
GOVERNOR...[FOR] TWELVE YEARS...I PERSEVERED IN  
THE WORK...MOREOVER, THERE WERE AT MY TABLE 150  
MEN... WHAT WAS PREPARED WAS AT MY EXPENSE...





# HABITUALLY, SYSTEMATICALLY, CONSTANTLY

Remember this: Whoever **sows** sparingly will also **reap** sparingly, and whoever **sows generously** will also **reap generously**. Each of you should give **what you have decided** in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 COR.  
9:6-8





DO YOU  
**BUDGET FOR  
GENEROUSITY?**

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GIVING SHOULDN'T  
JUST BE **A LINE ITEM,**  
IT SHOULD BE **THE FIRST  
LINE ITEM!**

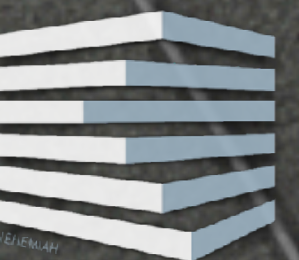




**GENEROUS PEOPLE GIVE  
WHEN IT DOESN'T BENEFIT  
THEM...**

NEHEMIAH 5:18

I DID NOT DEMAND THE FOOD ALLOWANCE OF THE  
GOVERNOR, BECAUSE THE SERVICE WAS TOO HEAVY  
ON THIS PEOPLE.





# GENTILES BUILDING SYNAGOGS??

a **centurion** heard about Jesus,  
sent to him elders of the Jews  
[who said to Jesus]... "He is  
worthy to have you do this for  
him, for he loves our nation, and  
**he is the one who built us  
our synagogue."**

**LUKE  
7:1-5**





DO YOU  
**GIVE WITH NO  
STRINGS  
ATTACHED?**

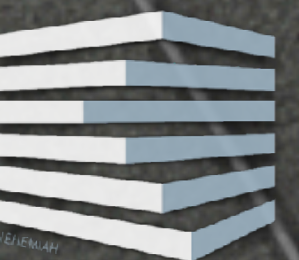




# GENEROUS PEOPLE GIVE WHEN OTHERS DO NOT...

NEHEMIAH 5:15

THE FORMER GOVERNORS WHO WERE BEFORE ME  
LAID HEAVY BURDENS ON THE PEOPLE AND TOOK  
FROM THEM FOR THEIR DAILY RATION.





# WITH GENEROUS NEIGHBORS, HELP IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, **no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.** Even in Thessalonica you sent help for my needs once again.

**PHIL.  
4:15-16**





DO YOU  
**GIVE  
RADICALLY?**





# RADICAL GENEROSITY IS RARE

## GIVING A TITHE TO THE CHURCH

(Tithe is NOT required)

Only 10-25 % of a normal  
congregation tithe.

\*\*Nonprofitsource.com

## GIVING TO BUILD THE CHURCH

(Poverty in every form will end)

37% of regular church  
attendees don't give  
money to church.

\*\*Nonprofitsource.com

## GIVING TO HELP OTHERS

Christians are giving at 2.5%  
of their income. During the  
Great Depression it was  
3.3%

The average American  
gave 1.7% of their income in  
2022.

\*\*nonprofitsource.com / Axios.com



# WHY RADICAL GENEROSITY?

Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit... I am well supplied... God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:17-20 



# WHY HELP THE POOR?

Many people **will never** **open the Bible** to find out how much God loves the poor, but **they will take notice** when followers of Jesus, like you and I, **care for the poor.**

**YOU ARE  
THE LIGHT  
OF THE  
WORLD**

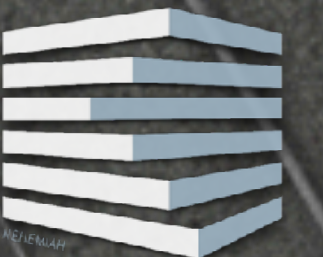




# HEBREWS 10:24

let us consider how to **stir up one another  
to love and good works,**

NEHEMIAH 4:15-23





**SURPRISING ACTS OF LOVE MOTIVATED BY JESUS**

<sup>the</sup>  
**GOOD  
WORKS  
CHALLENGE**

**FRIENDS  
FAMILIES  
GROUPS**





# Community Partners

Serving The Greater Pottstown Area and beyond!

Partnering With Others For the Greater Good

## Better Together

We believe that because God is exceedingly generous to us, we should strive to be radically generous to others.

Next  
Steps



GENEROSITY IS  
**IMPOSSIBLE**  
APART FROM  
THE **LOVE** OF GOD.  
BUT WITH  
SUCH **LOVE**,  
GENEROSITY IS  
**INEVITABLE.**

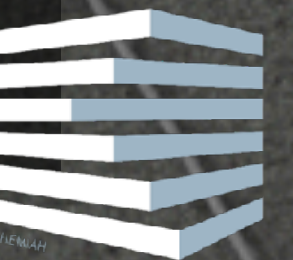
– JOHN MACARTHUR





# TIPS FOR RADICAL GENEROSITY

1. **PLAN (IN YOUR BUDGET) FOR RADICAL GENEROSITY**
2. **GIVE WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED**
3. **GIVE ABOVE AND BEYOND HOW OTHERS GIVE**
4. **GIVE KNOWING YOU CAN'T OUT GIVE GOD**
5. **GIVE BECAUSE GOD FIRST LOVED YOU!**





(THIS HELPS US)  
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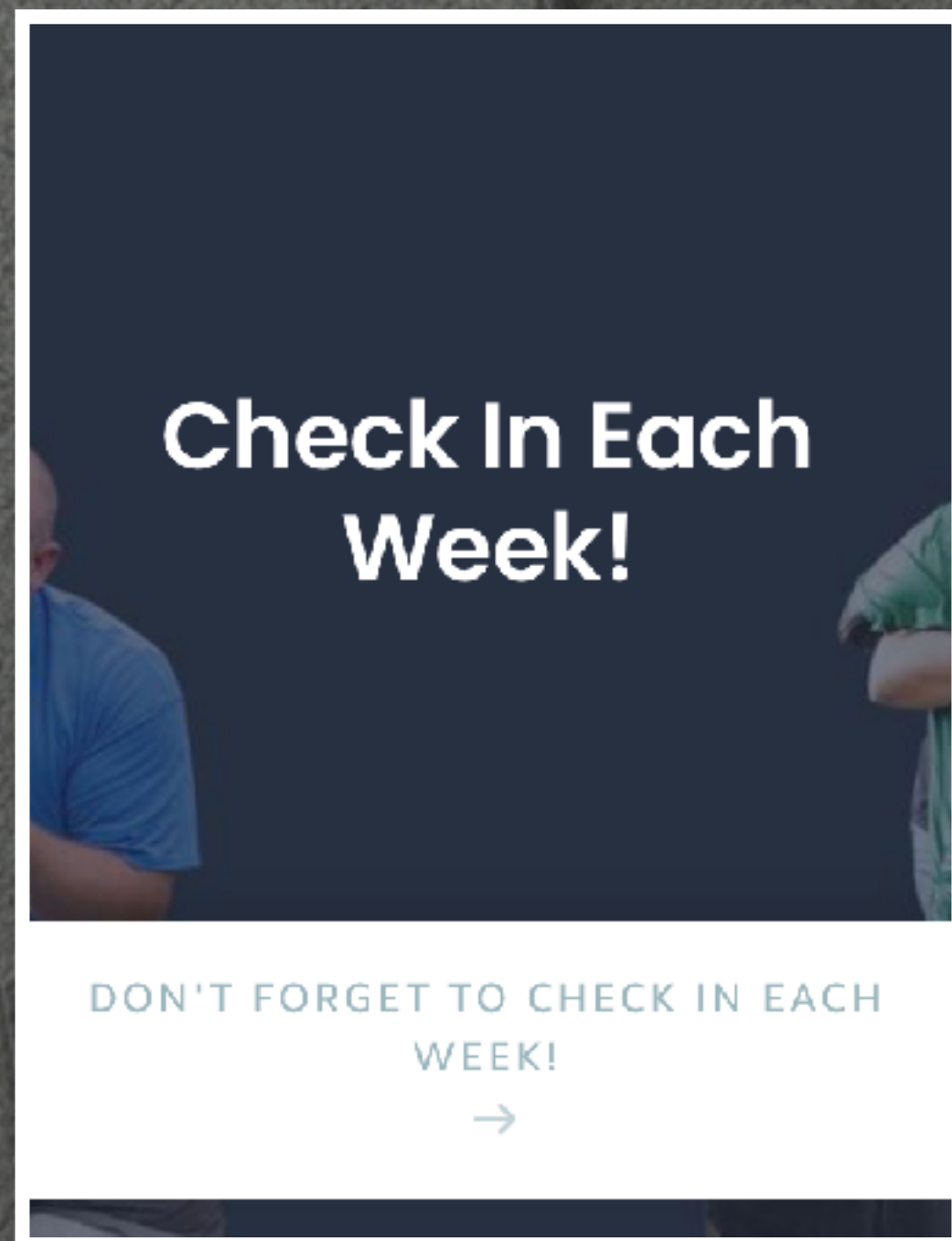


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YOU FOR  
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THIS WEEK!**



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**JOIN US**

**NEXT TIME**

# **NO GOOD WORKS GO UNPUNISHED**

**NEHEMIAH 6:1-14**

