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LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS



GIVING MY RESOURCES

I give my resources
to fulfill God's
purposes.





Ecclesiastes 2:8,11

I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces.



Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind;



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Luke 12:16-21



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Luke 12:48b

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.



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Lessons for Giving from 2 Corinthians 8 and 9

Giving is a privilege

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

.....They gave offerings of whatever they could—far more than they could afford!—pleading for the privilege of helping out in the relief of poor Christians.....



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Make giving an equal priority in your Christian life

But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2 Corinthians 8:7

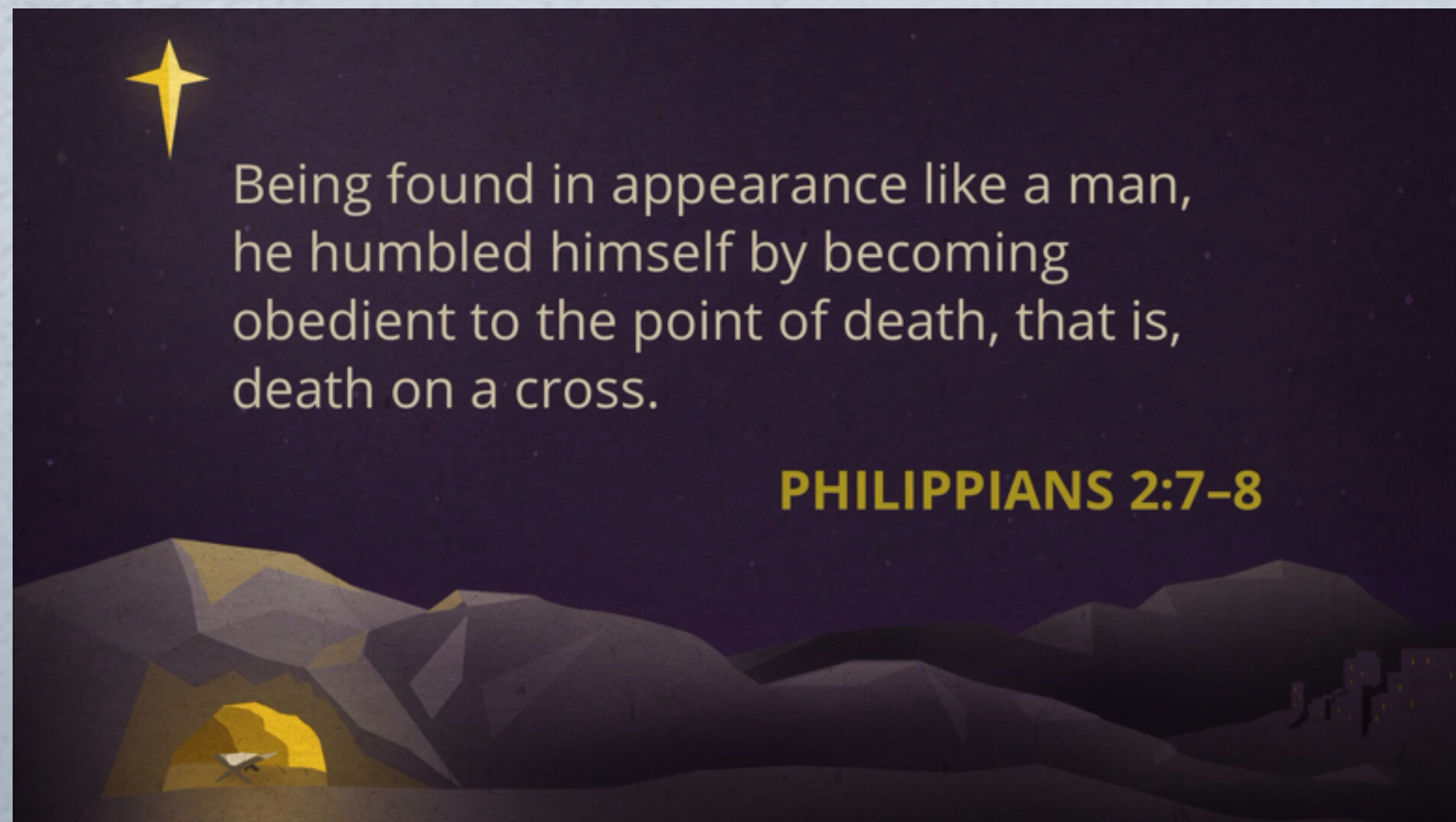


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Be Christlike

2 Corinthians 8:9

You are familiar with the generosity of our Master, Jesus Christ. Rich as he was, he gave it all away for us—in one stroke he became poor and we became rich.



Being found in appearance like a man,
he humbled himself by becoming
obedient to the point of death, that is,
death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8

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Follow through with your good intentions

So here's what I think: The best thing you can do right now is to finish what you started last year and not let those good intentions grow stale. Your heart's been in the right place all along. You've got what it takes to finish it up, so go to it. Once the commitment is clear, you do what you can, not what you can't.

2 Corinthians 8:10-12



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Give thoughtfully

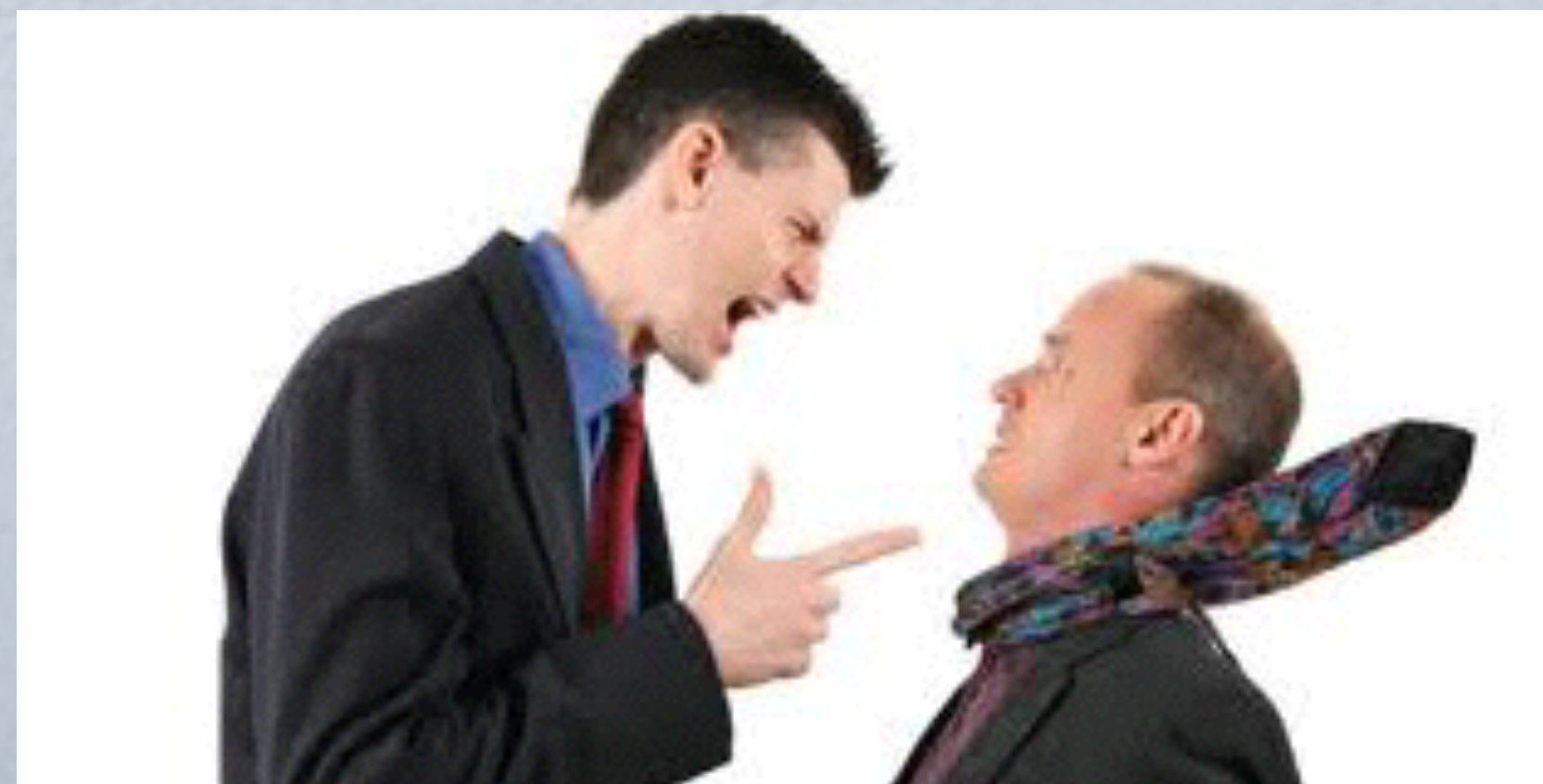
I want you to have all the time you need to make this offering in your own way. I don't want anything forced or hurried at the last minute. Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.

2 Corinthians 9:5-7

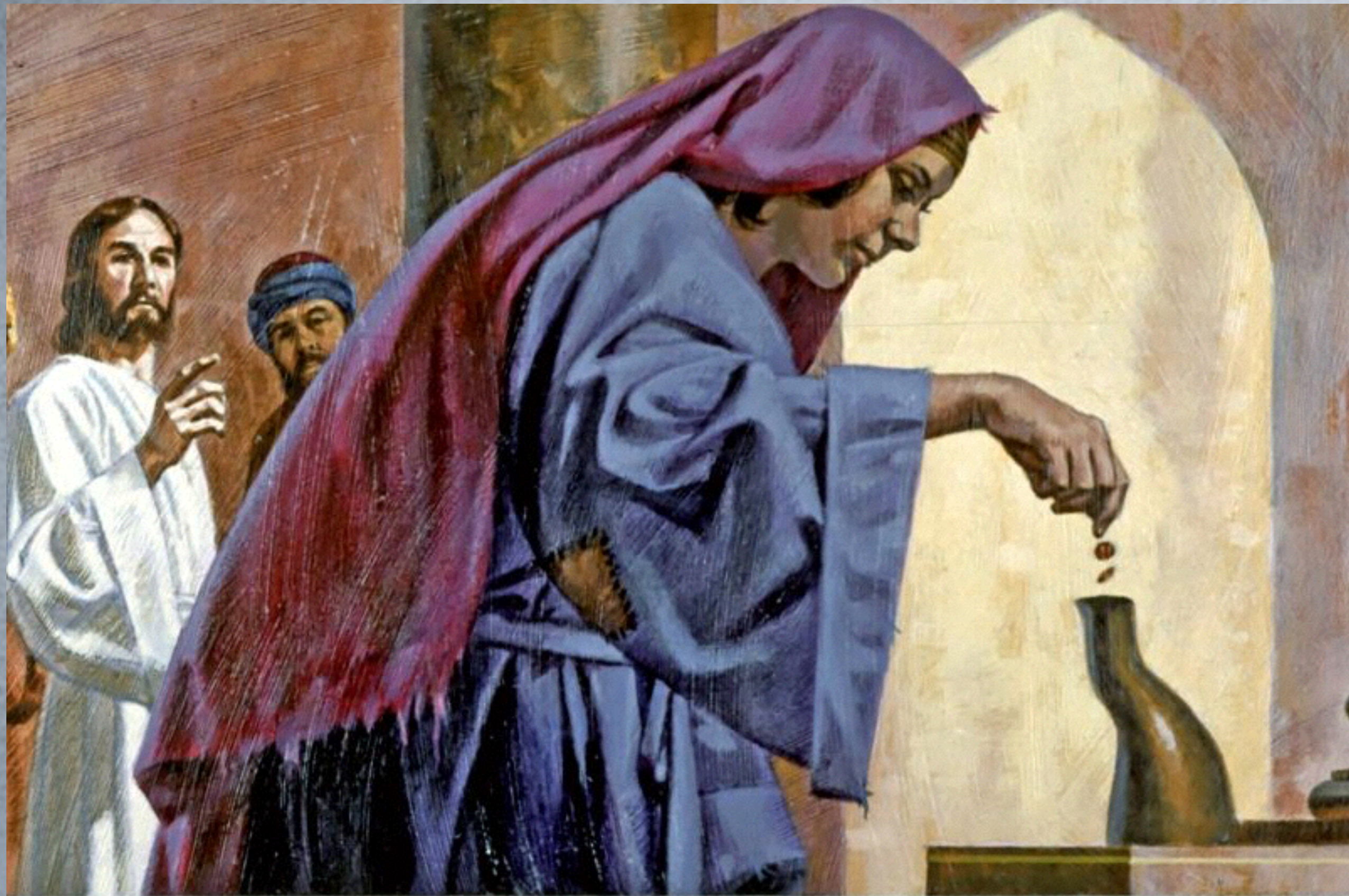


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Risk being generous

God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. As one psalmist puts it, He throws caution to the winds, giving to the needy in reckless abandon. His right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out.

2 Corinthians 9:8-9

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Consider the benefits of giving

12* This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

13* Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

14* And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.

15* Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:12-15



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