

# GENEROSITY

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CONDITIONAL OR SACRIFICIAL

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A willingness to give help or support especially more than is usual or expected. To give freely.

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## **EZRA 1:4**

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**And let each survivor, in whatever place he sojourns, be assisted by the men of his place with silver and gold, with goods and with beasts, besides freewill offerings for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.**

## **EZRA 1:6-11**

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**<sup>6</sup>And all who were about them aided them with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, with beasts, and with costly wares, besides all that was freely offered. <sup>7</sup>Cyrus the king also brought out the vessels of the house of the Lord that Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and placed in the house of his gods. <sup>8</sup>Cyrus king of Persia brought these out in the charge of Mithredath the treasurer, who counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah. <sup>9</sup>And this was the number of them: 30 basins of gold, 1,000 basins of silver, 29 censers,**

## **EZRA 1:6-11**

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**<sup>10</sup>30 bowls of gold, 410 bowls of silver, and 1,000 other vessels;  
<sup>11</sup>all the vessels of gold and of silver were 5,400. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up, when the exiles were brought up from Babylonia to Jerusalem.**

## **EZRA 4:4-5**

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**<sup>4</sup>Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah and made them afraid to build <sup>5</sup>and bribed counselors against them to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.**

## **EZRA 6:8-11**

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**<sup>8</sup>Moreover, I make a decree regarding what you shall do for these elders of the Jews for the rebuilding of this house of God. The cost is to be paid to these men in full and without delay from the royal revenue, the tribute of the province from Beyond the River. <sup>9</sup>And whatever is needed—bulls, rams, or sheep for burnt offerings to the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, or oil, as the priests at Jerusalem require—let that be given to them day by day without fail,**



## **EZRA 6:8-11**

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**<sup>10</sup>that they may offer pleasing sacrifices to the God of heaven and pray for the life of the king and his sons. <sup>11</sup>Also I make a decree that if anyone alters this edict, a beam shall be pulled out of his house, and he shall be impaled on it, and his house shall be made a dunghill.**

## NEHEMIAH 2:7-8

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**<sup>7</sup>And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may let me pass through until I come to Judah, <sup>8</sup>and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress of the temple, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy." And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me.**

## **NEHEMIAH 7:4**

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**The city was wide and large, but the people within it were few, and no houses had been rebuilt.**

## NEHEMIAH 5:14-19

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### Nehemiah's Generosity

**<sup>14</sup>Moreover, from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year to the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king, twelve years, neither I nor my brothers ate the food allowance of the governor. <sup>15</sup>The former governors who were before me laid heavy burdens on the people and took from them for their daily ration forty shekels of silver. Even their servants lorded it over the people. But I did not do so, because of the fear of God.**

## NEHEMIAH 5:14-19

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**<sup>16</sup>I also persevered in the work on this wall, and we acquired no land, and all my servants were gathered there for the work.**

**<sup>17</sup>Moreover, there were at my table 150 men, Jews and officials, besides those who came to us from the nations that were around us. <sup>18</sup>Now what was prepared at my expense for each day was one ox and six choice sheep and birds, and every ten days all kinds of wine in abundance. Yet for all this I did not demand the food allowance of the governor, because the service was too heavy on this people. <sup>19</sup>Remember for my good, O my God, all that I have done for this people.**

## NEHEMIAH 4:14-21

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**<sup>14</sup>And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes."**

### **The Work Resumes**

**<sup>15</sup>When our enemies heard that it was known to us and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work.**

## NEHEMIAH 4:14-21

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**<sup>16</sup>From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. And the leaders stood behind the whole house of Judah, <sup>17</sup>who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other. <sup>18</sup>And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me. <sup>19</sup>And I said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people,**

## NEHEMIAH 4:14-21

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**"The work is great and widely spread, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another. <sup>20</sup>In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us."**

**<sup>21</sup>So we labored at the work, and half of them held the spears from the break of dawn until the stars came out.**



## NEHEMIAH 10:32-39

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**<sup>32</sup>"We also take on ourselves the obligation to give yearly a third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God: <sup>33</sup>for the showbread, the regular grain offering, the regular burnt offering, the Sabbaths, the new moons, the appointed feasts, the holy things, and the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God. <sup>34</sup>We, the priests, the Levites, and the people, have likewise cast lots for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, according to our fathers' houses, at times appointed, year by year, to burn on the altar of the Lord our God, as it is written in the Law.**

## NEHEMIAH 10:32-39

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**<sup>35</sup>We obligate ourselves to bring the firstfruits of our ground and the firstfruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the Lord; <sup>36</sup>also to bring to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God, the firstborn of our sons and of our cattle, as it is written in the Law, and the firstborn of our herds and of our flocks; <sup>37</sup>and to bring the first of our dough, and our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the wine and the oil, to the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and to bring to the Levites the tithes from our ground, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all our towns where we labor.**

## NEHEMIAH 10:32-39

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**<sup>38</sup>And the priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive the tithes. And the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes to the house of our God, to the chambers of the storehouse. <sup>39</sup>For the people of Israel and the sons of Levi shall bring the contribution of grain, wine, and oil to the chambers, where the vessels of the sanctuary are, as well as the priests who minister, and the gatekeepers and the singers. We will not neglect the house of our God."**

## JOHN 6:4-10

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<sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. <sup>5</sup>Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,

## JOHN 6:4-10

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<sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number.

## **MARK 10:15**

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**Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.**

## **EPHESIANS 2:8**

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**For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,**