

# CHRISTIAN LIFE NOTES

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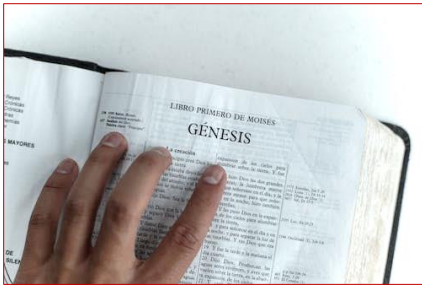
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## God's Generosity, Our Example

We, Lutheran Women in Mission, excel in serving others and giving to worthy outreaches. We give our money, time, and heart to the needs in our church, our communities, and, well, everywhere.

The ultimate example of generosity comes from God himself, who made heaven and earth. He is the one who put the innumerable stars in the



heavens and gave us the sea and dry land. His variety of ocean life, animals, birds, insects, and plants shows His originality and generous ways.

*"By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!"*  
Psalm 33:6-8

Yes, we should be in awe and fear His greatness. God is not only generous, but He is able to carry out and complete His acts of generosity.

*"For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm."* Ps.33:9

His justice is complete; what He starts, He finishes. His motive is love and His power is focused.

*"For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice;*

*the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD."* Psalm 33:4-5

God's ultimate example of generosity was to come to us as God the Son and die on the cross for our sins, giving us peace with God.

*"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."*  
Ephesians 2:4-6 (emphasis added)

How can it be that we are so lucky to receive what we did not earn? His actions toward us are humbling. He inspires us in our dealings toward others.

*The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.*  
Psalm 145:7-8



Generous: gracious, merciful, slow to anger, steadfast in His love, and good to all. We are His recipients, and He is our example. We can only call on God the Holy Spirit to empower and guide us to serve generously for Him in this world.

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