



Thanksgiving





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1. Generosity Starts with God.



2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶ *Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*



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⁷ 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.

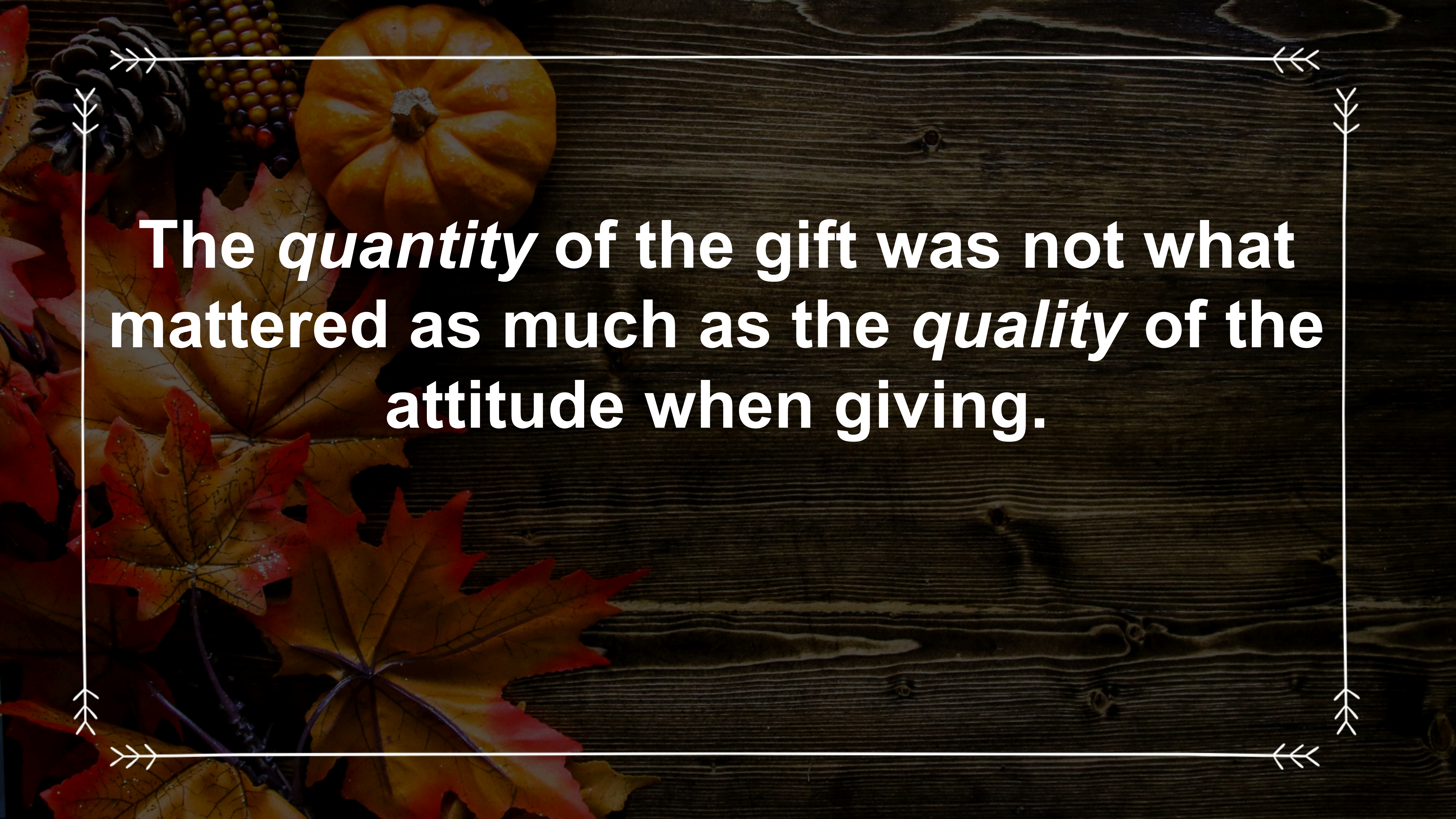


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⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.



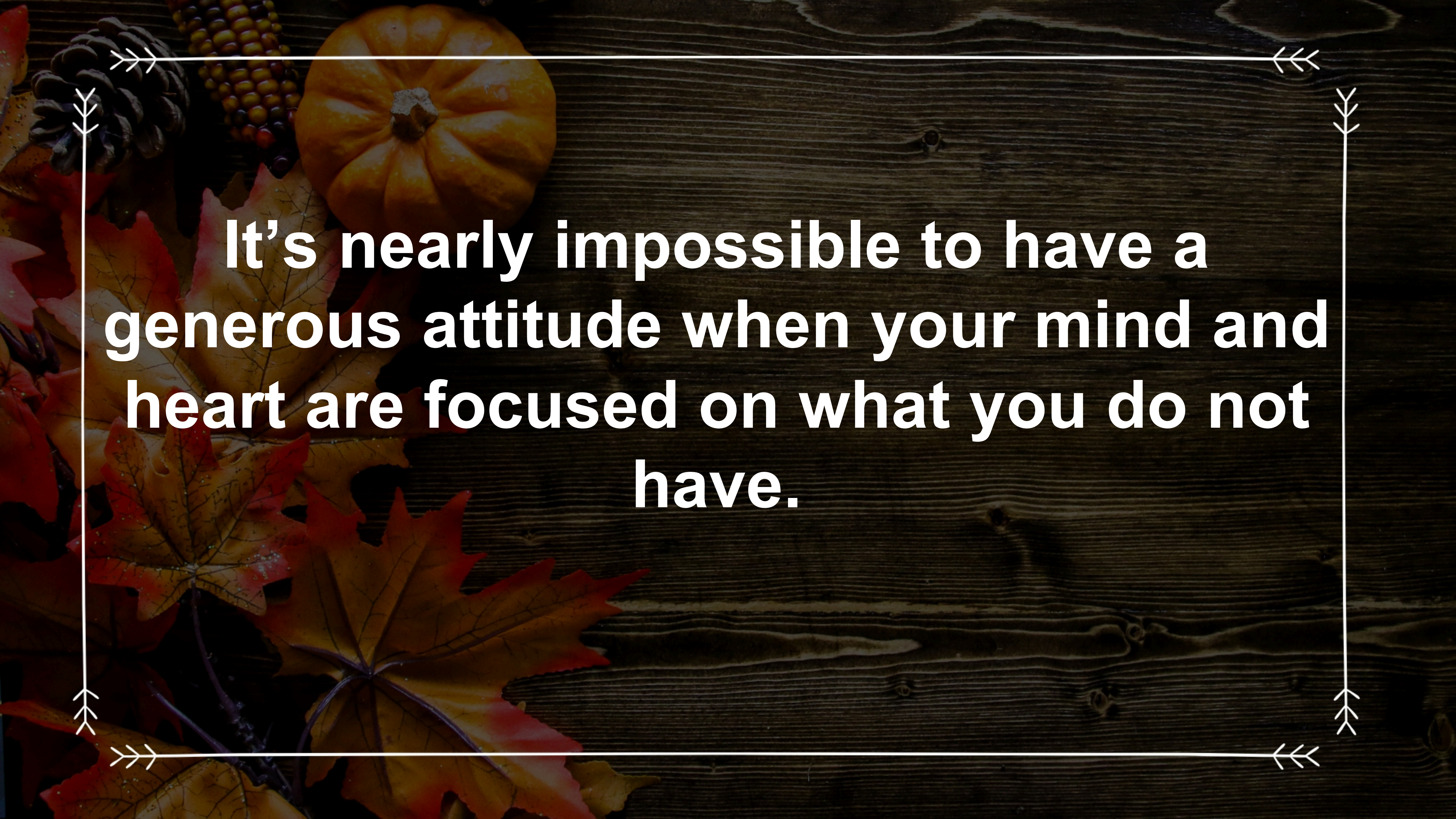
Quality over Quantity



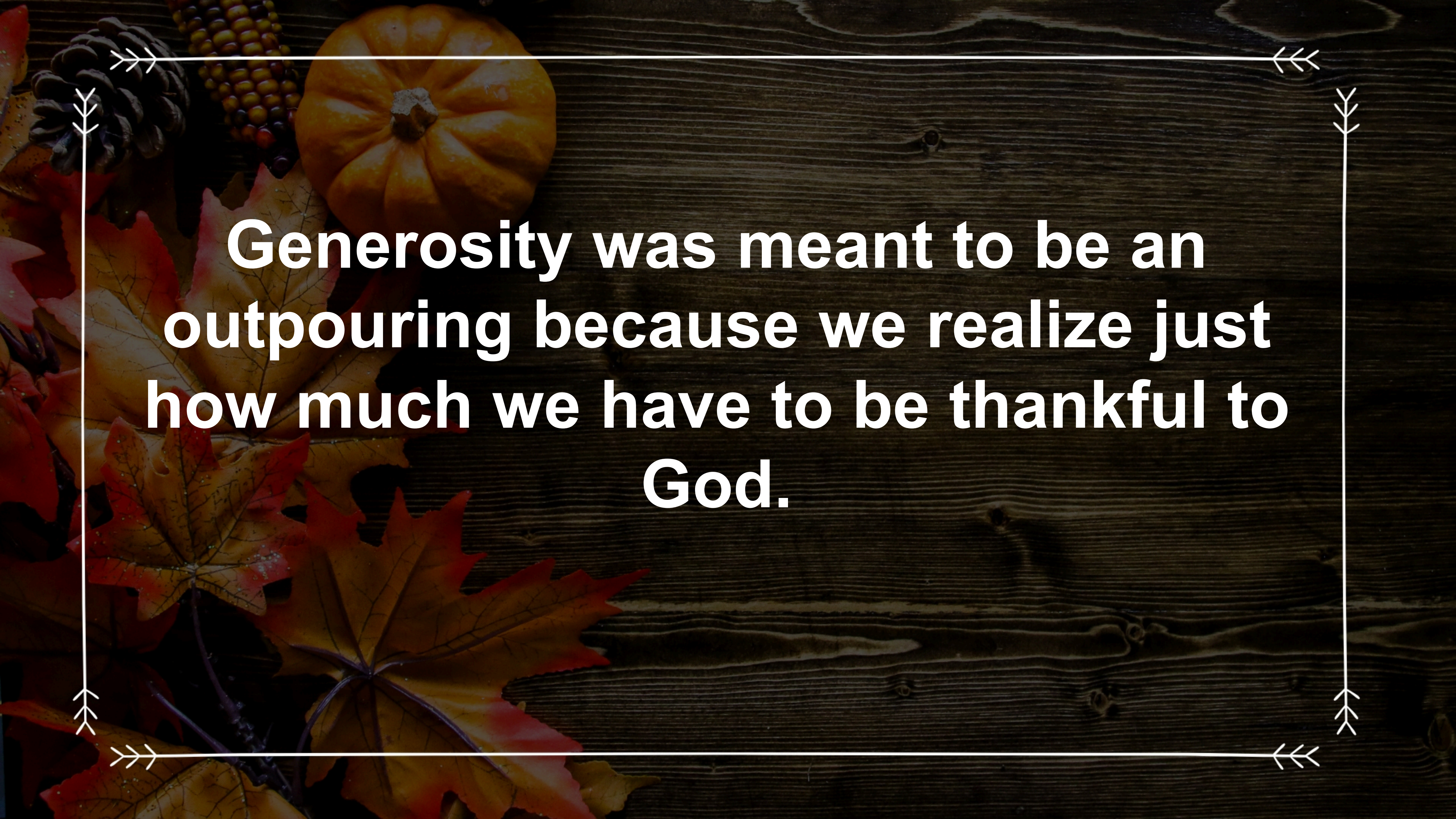
The *quantity* of the gift was not what mattered as much as the *quality* of the attitude when giving.



**Everything we have to give comes
from God.**



It's nearly impossible to have a generous attitude when your mind and heart are focused on what you do not have.



**Generosity was meant to be an
outpouring because we realize just
how much we have to be thankful to
God.**



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***Giving to others is simply what
trusting in God's promises looks like
in a different dress.***



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**2. Generosity Showcases Grace
to Others**

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁹ *As it is written:*

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”



2 Corinthians 9:6-15

¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.



2 Corinthians 9:6-15

¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.



2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ,



2 Corinthians 9:6-15

*and for your generosity in sharing
with them and with everyone else.*

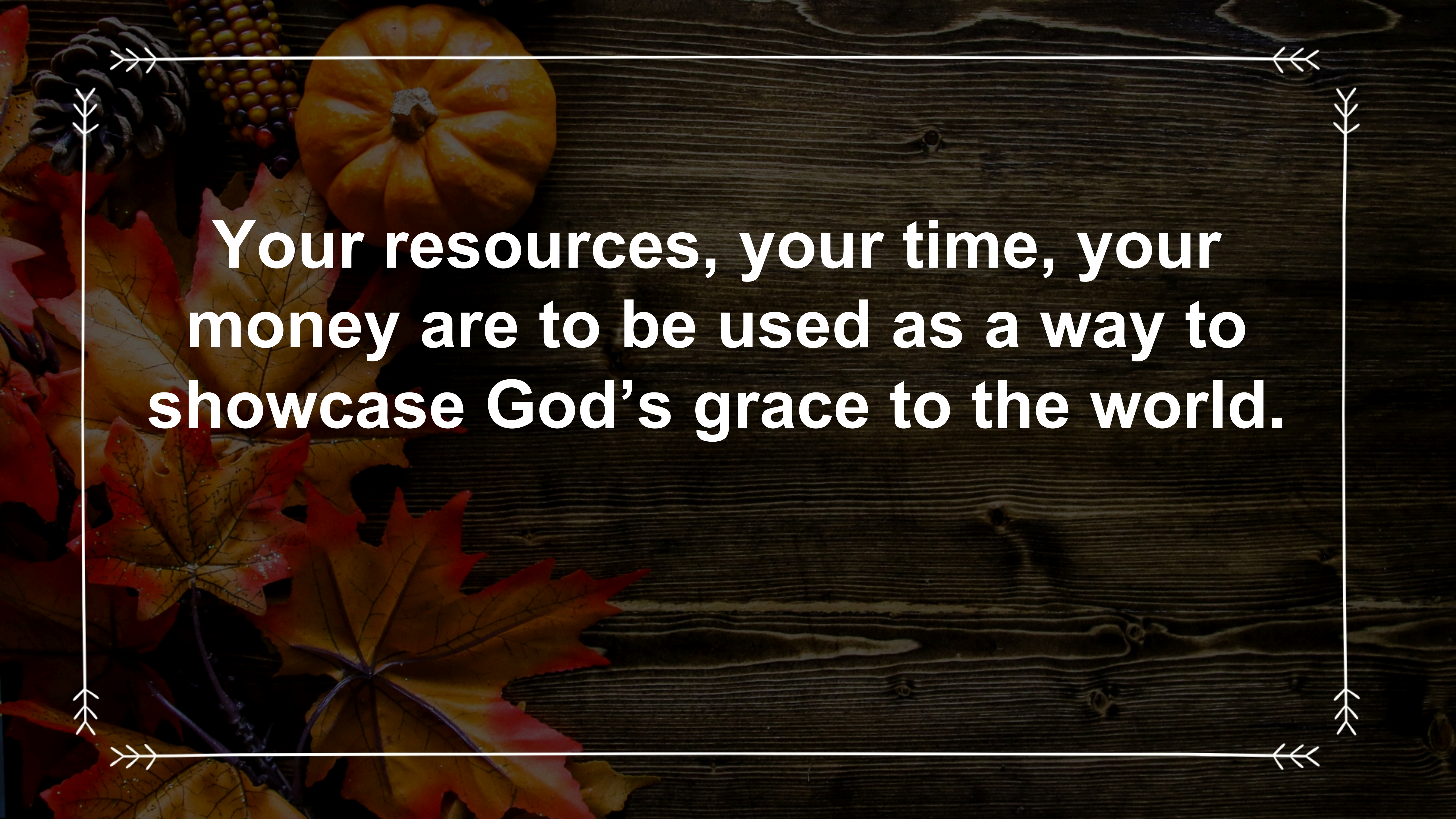


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¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.

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¹⁰ *Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your **store of seed** and will enlarge the **harvest of your righteousness.***



Your resources, your time, your money are to be used as a way to showcase God's grace to the world.



Generosity Involves...

Giving something that is of value to me

Giving unselfishly

Giving above and beyond



**Generosity must be filled with the
undeserved.**

Generosity must be full of grace.



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**God doesn't give so you can
have more.**


God gives so you can *give* more!



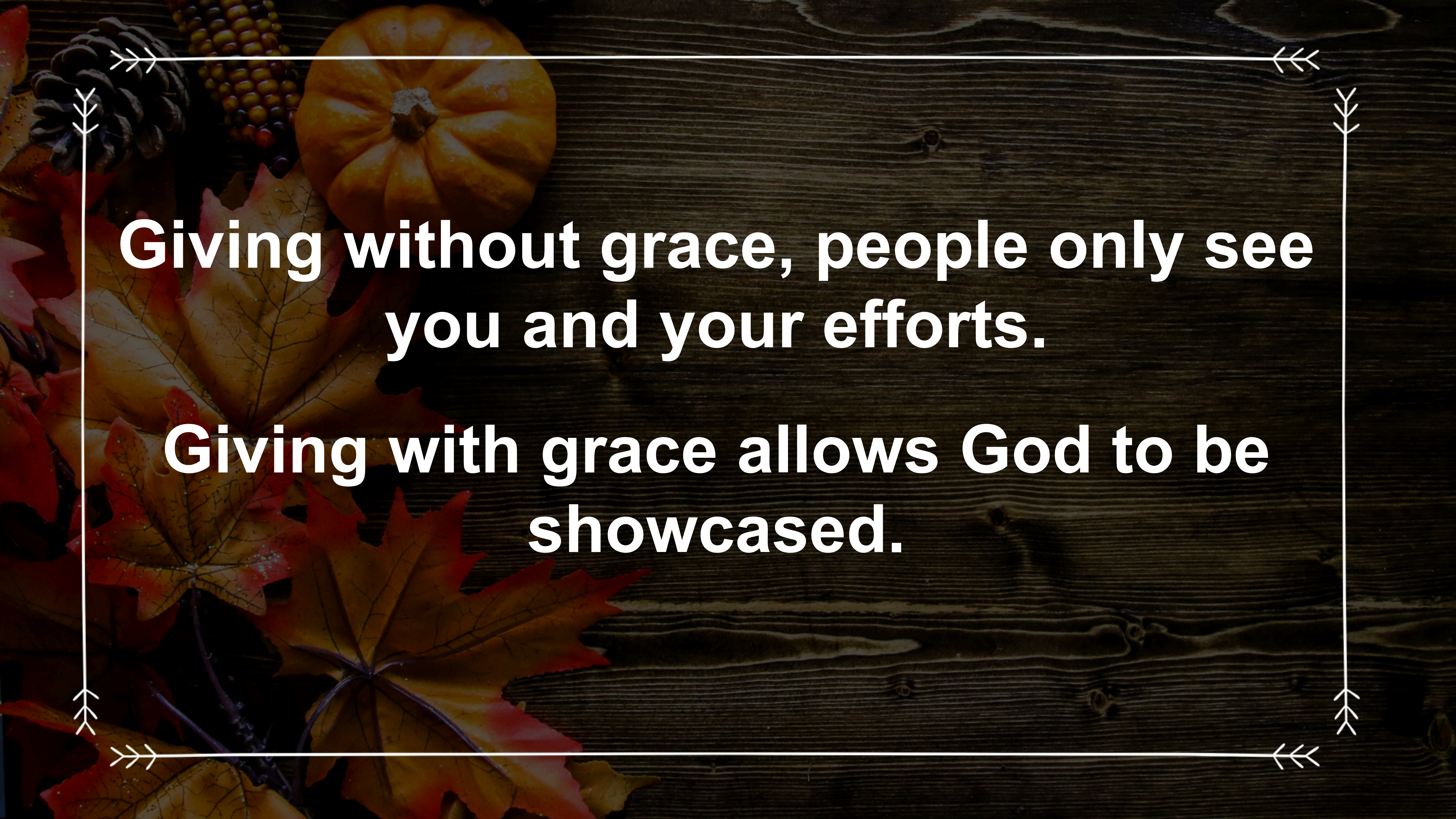
**“...will result in thanksgiving to God”
(v. 11)**

**“...overflowing in many expressions of
thanks to God” (v. 12)**

“...others will praise God” (v. 13)



**Giving without grace, people only see
you and your efforts.**



Giving without grace, people only see you and your efforts.

Giving with grace allows God to be showcased.



Looping video



2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Thanks be to God for his
indescribable gift!



The Gift of Jesus Christ

Beyond words

Costly

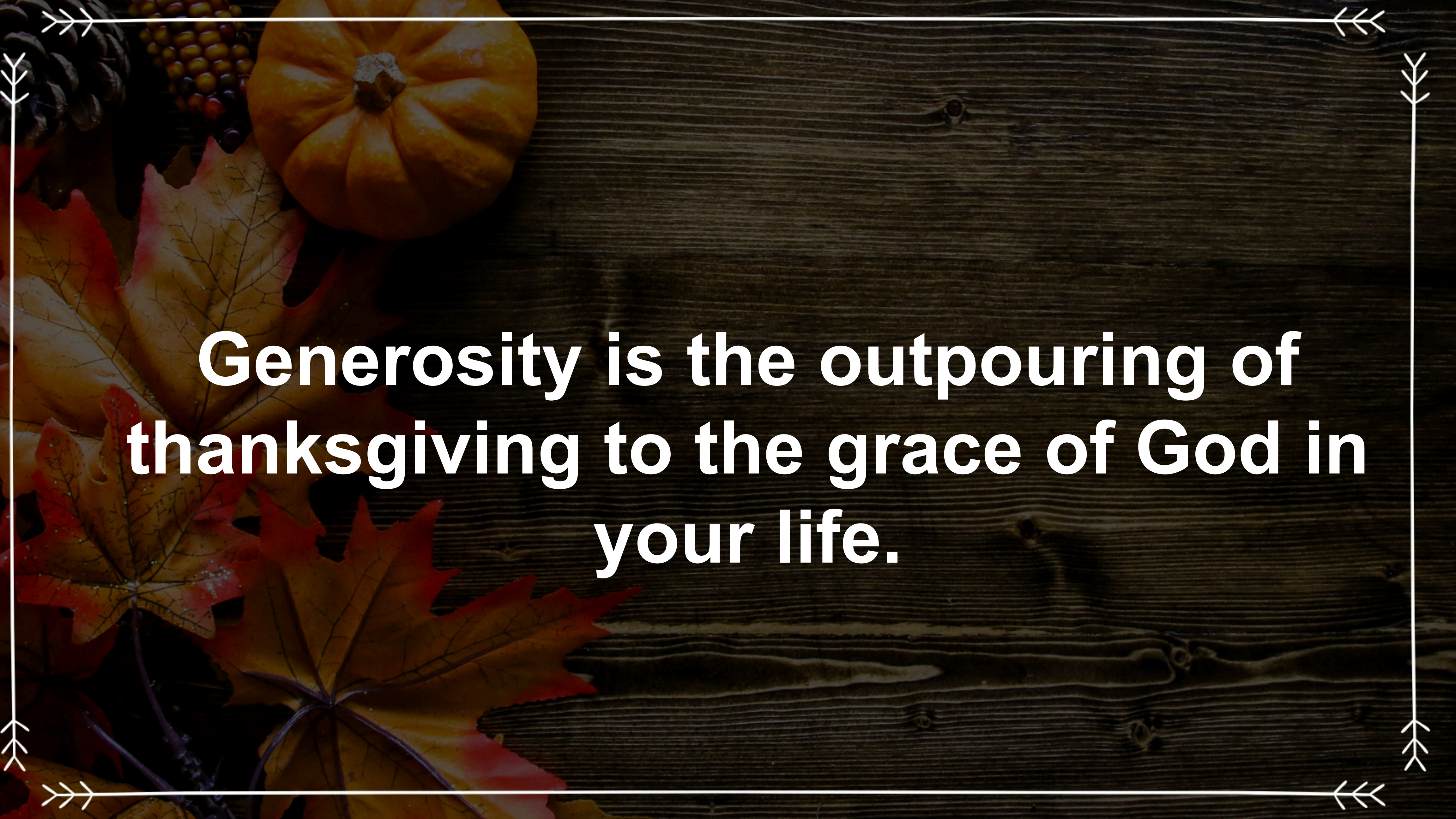
Undeserved

Full of Grace



Romans 8:32

³² [God] who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?



**Generosity is the outpouring of
thanksgiving to the grace of God in
your life.**



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