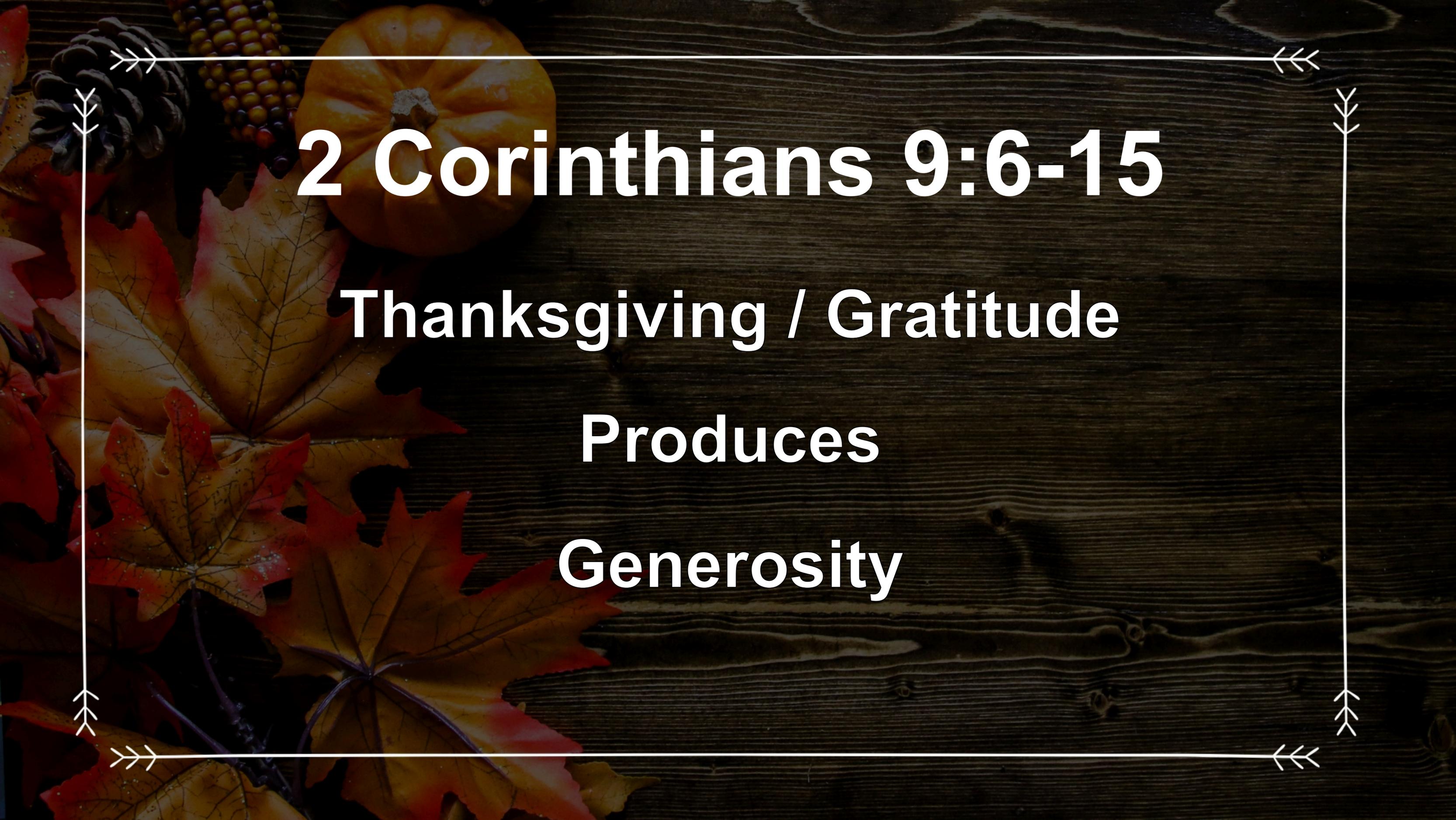




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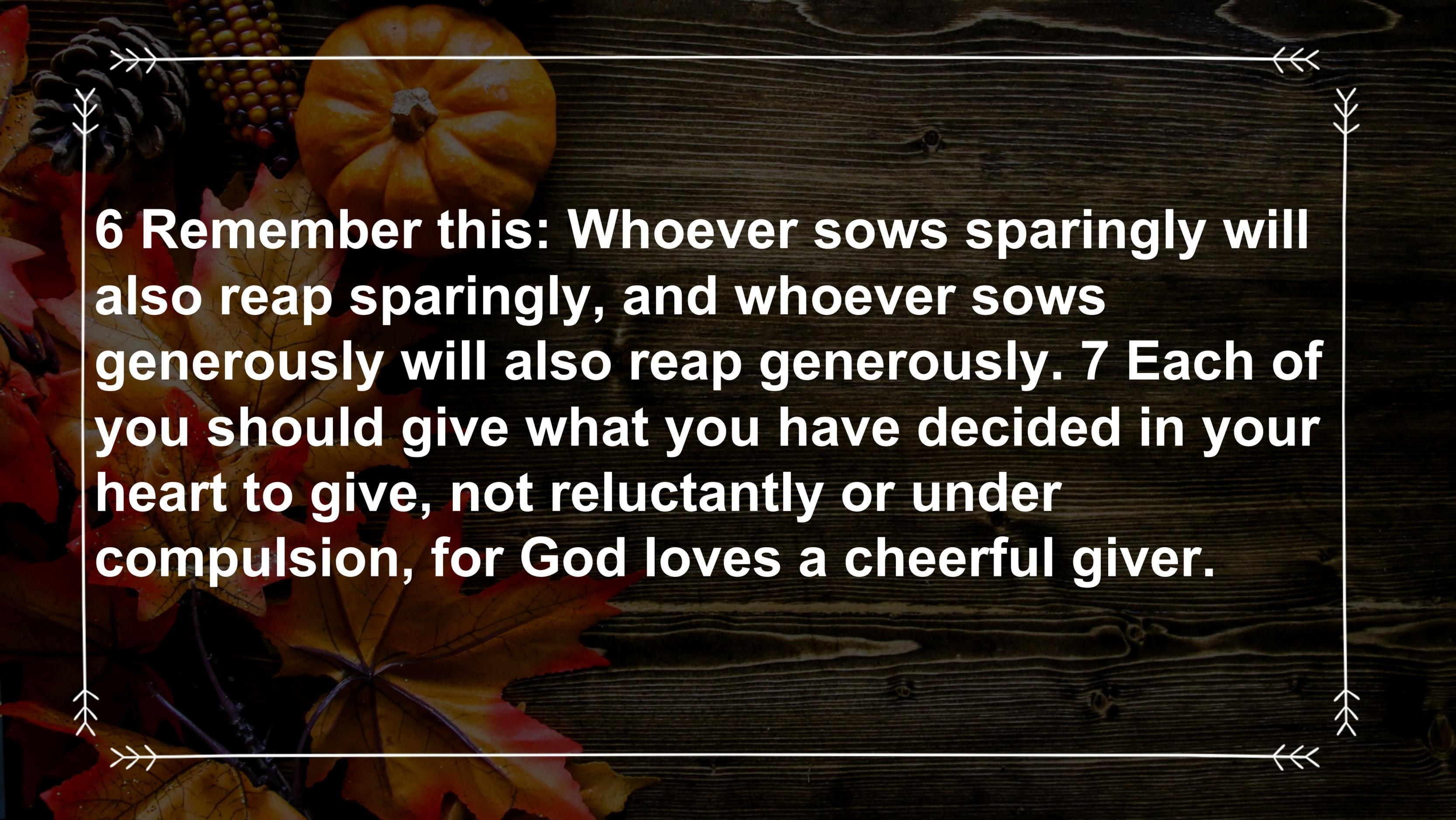


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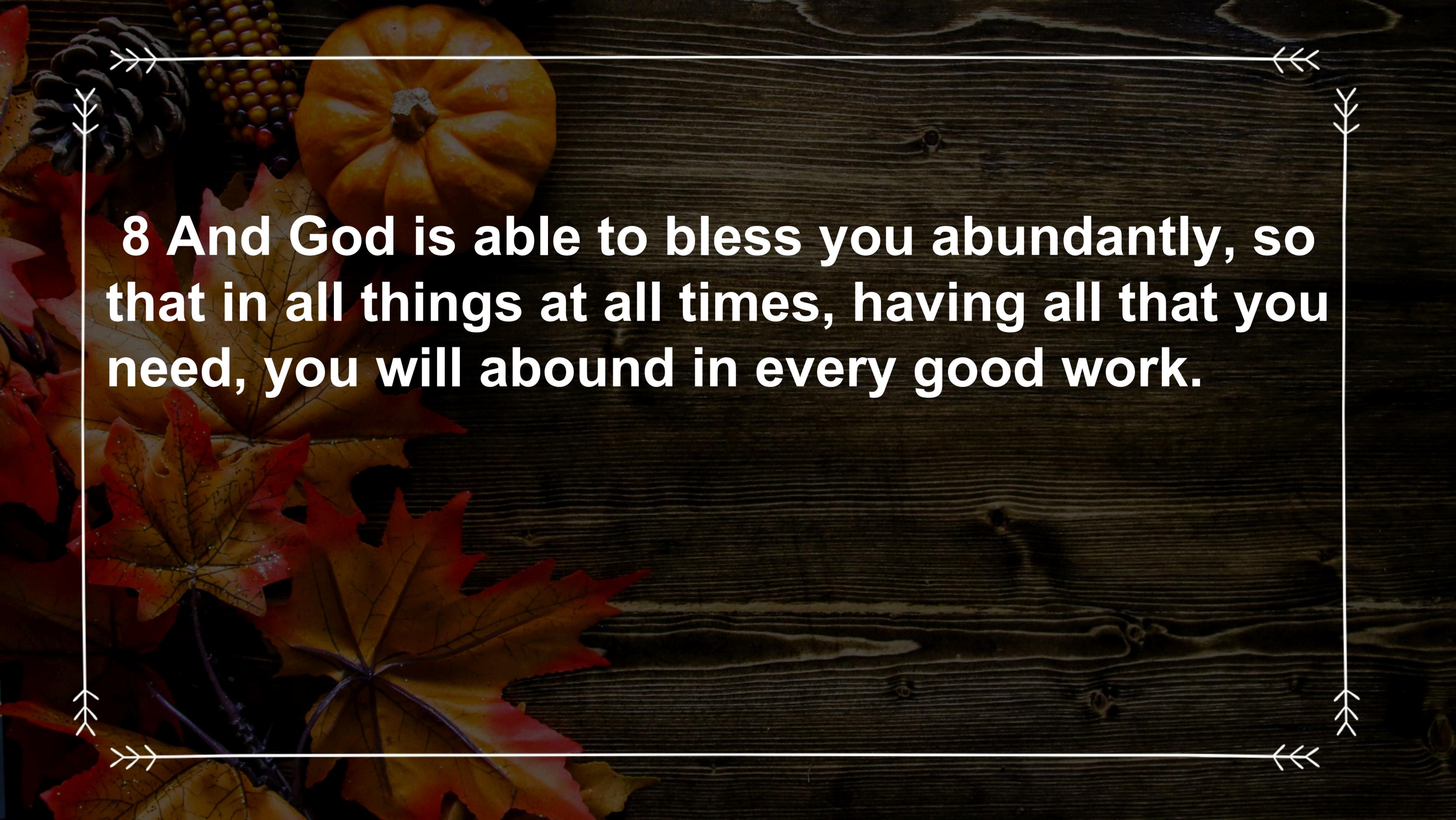
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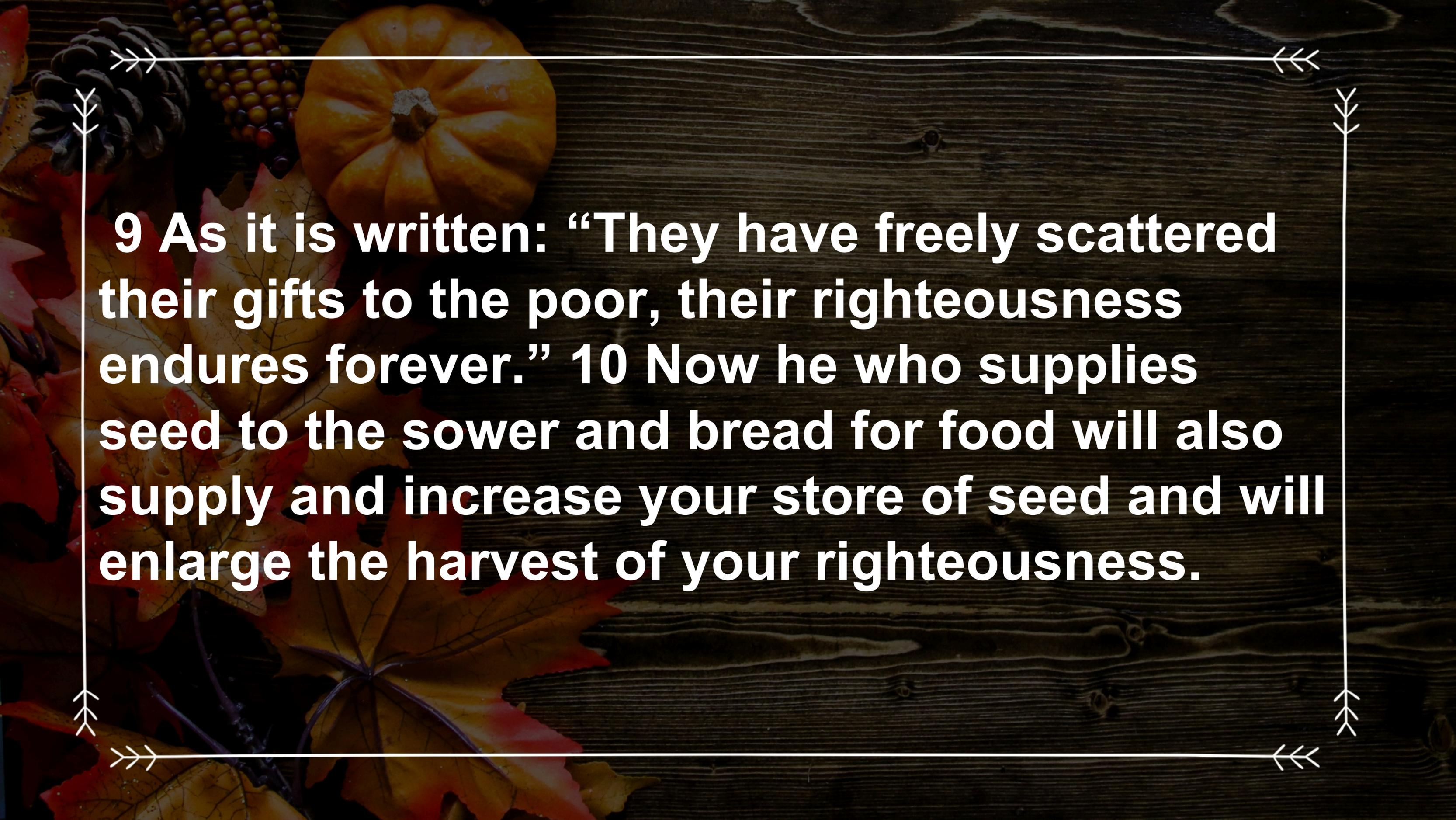
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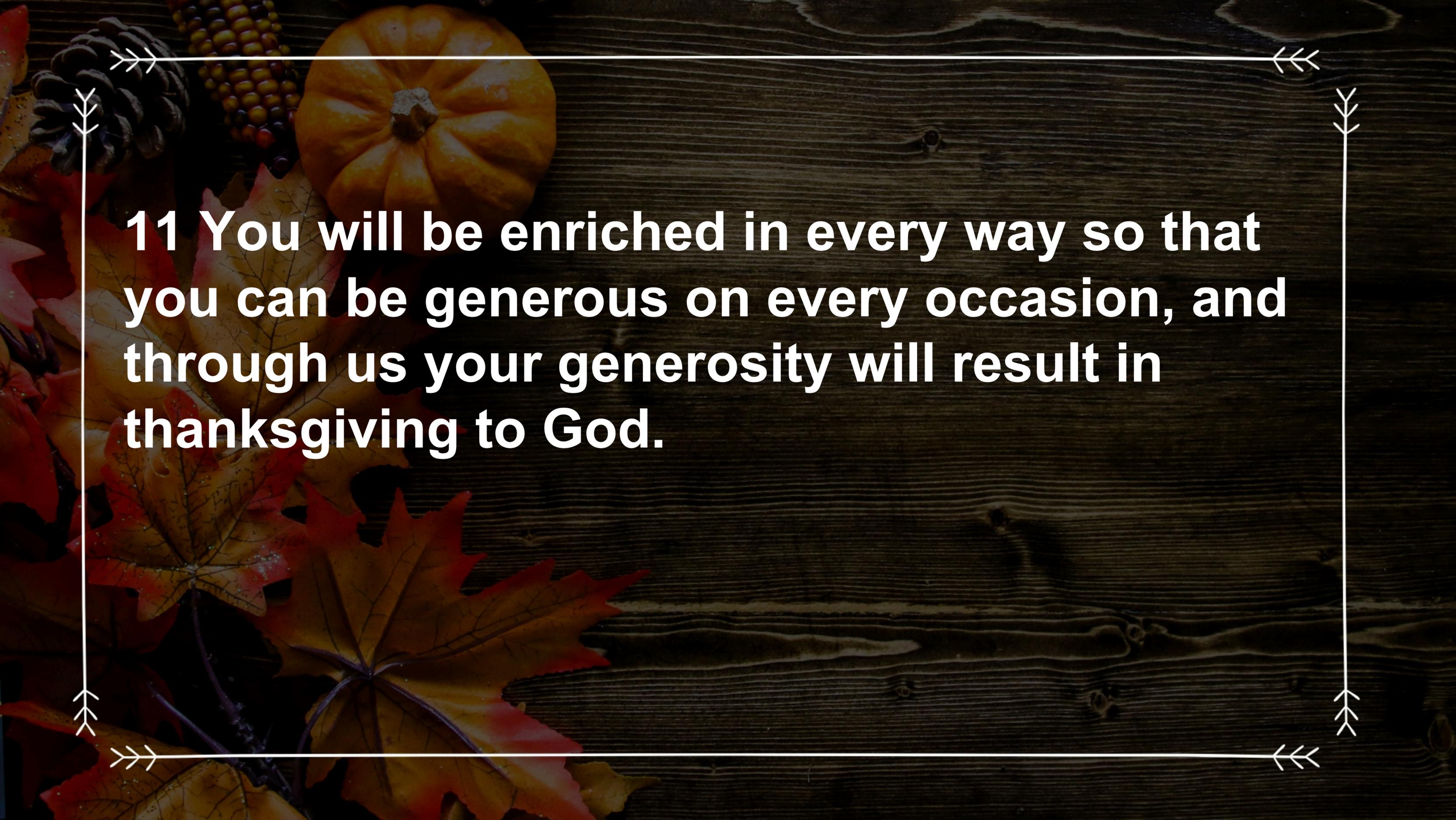
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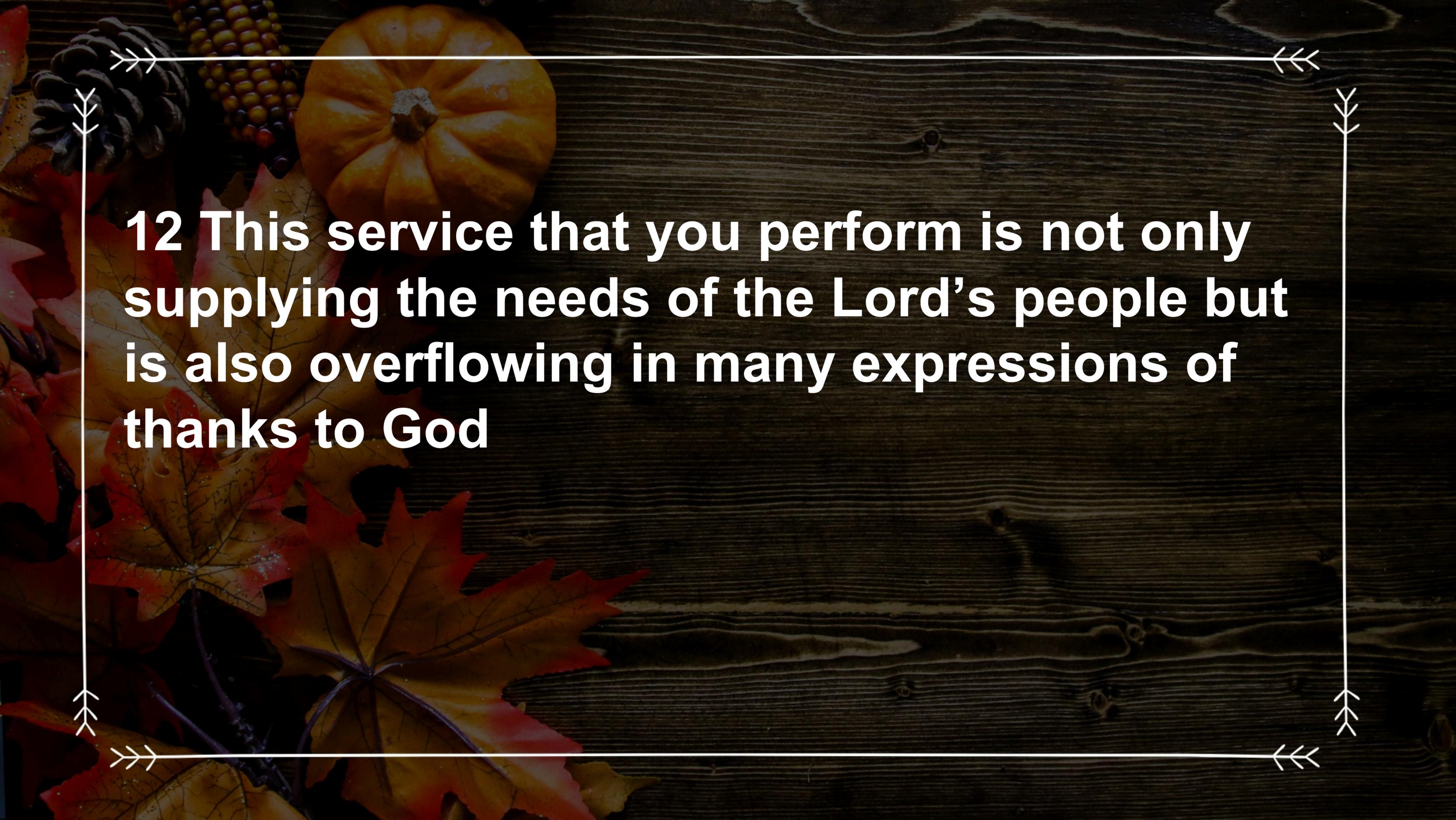
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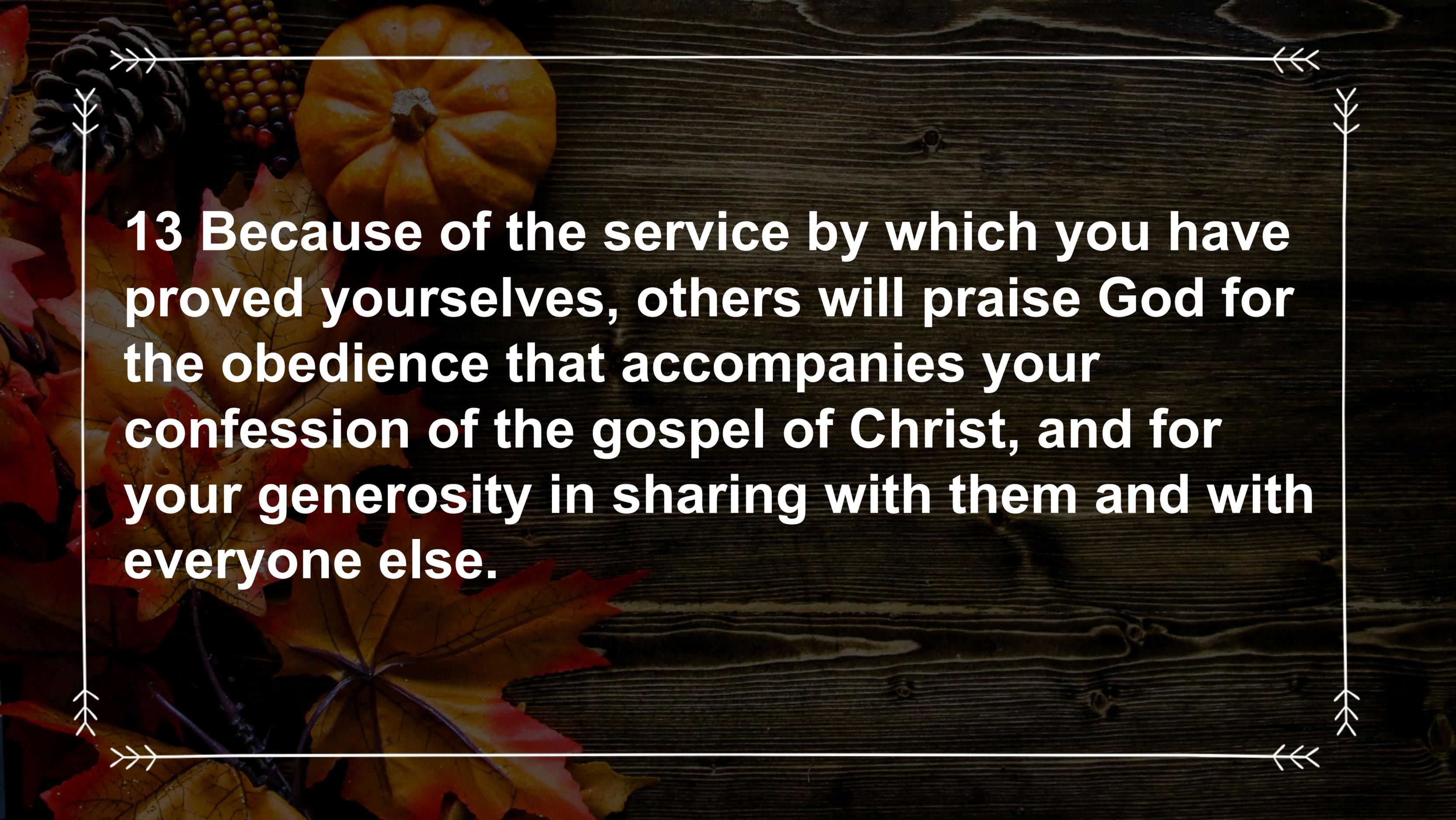
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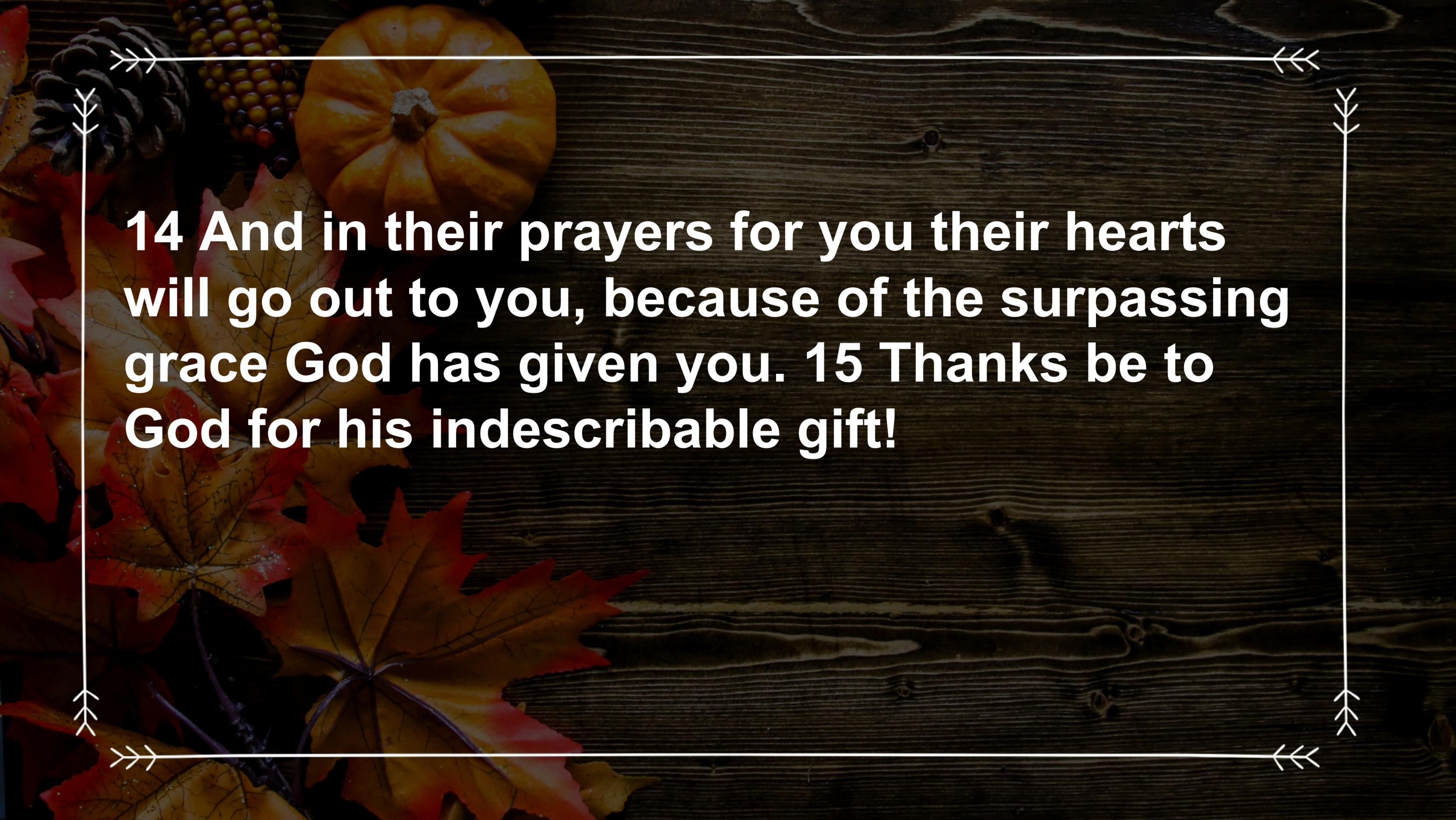
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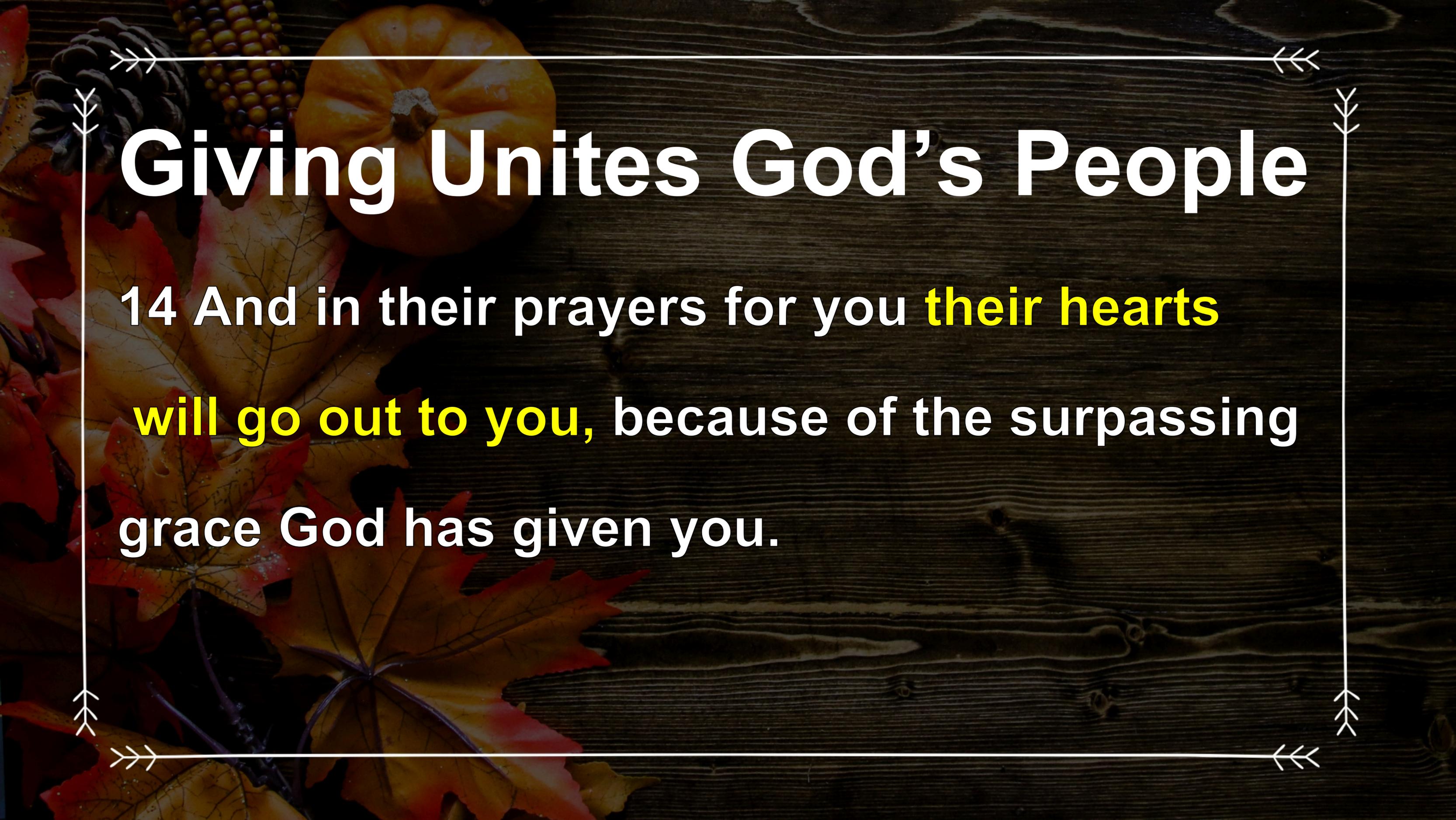
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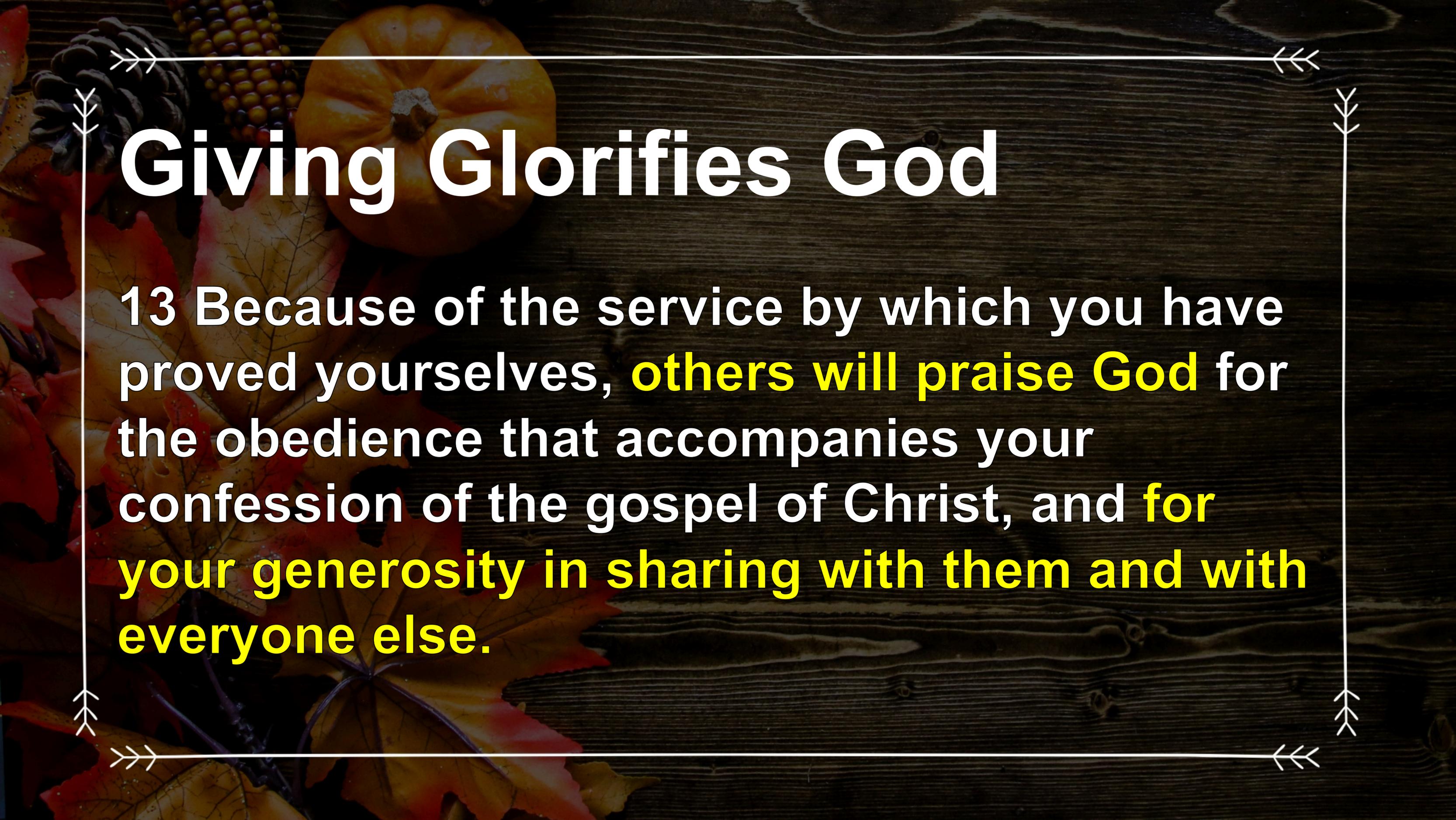


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Giving Unites God's People

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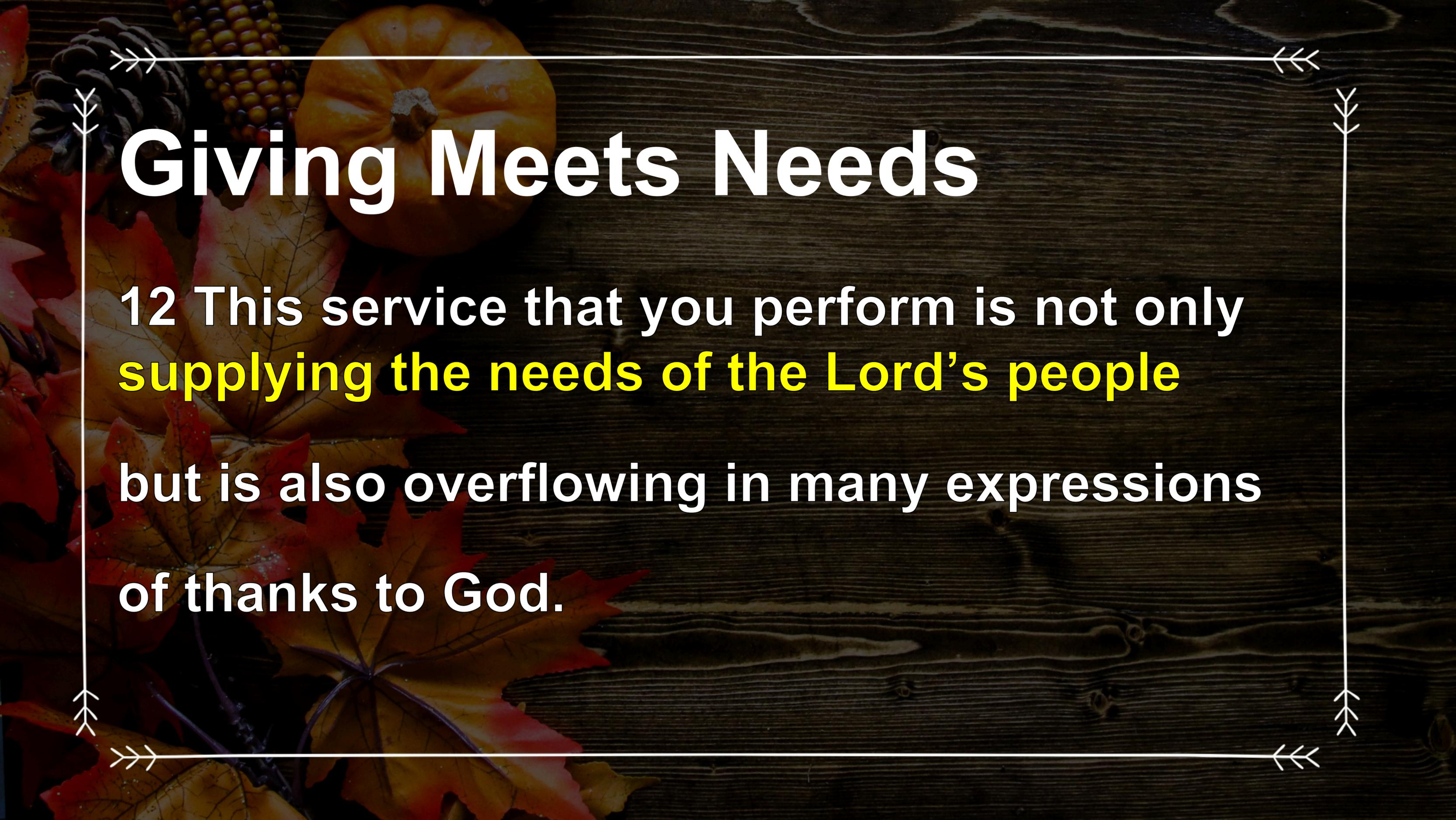
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Matthew 5:16

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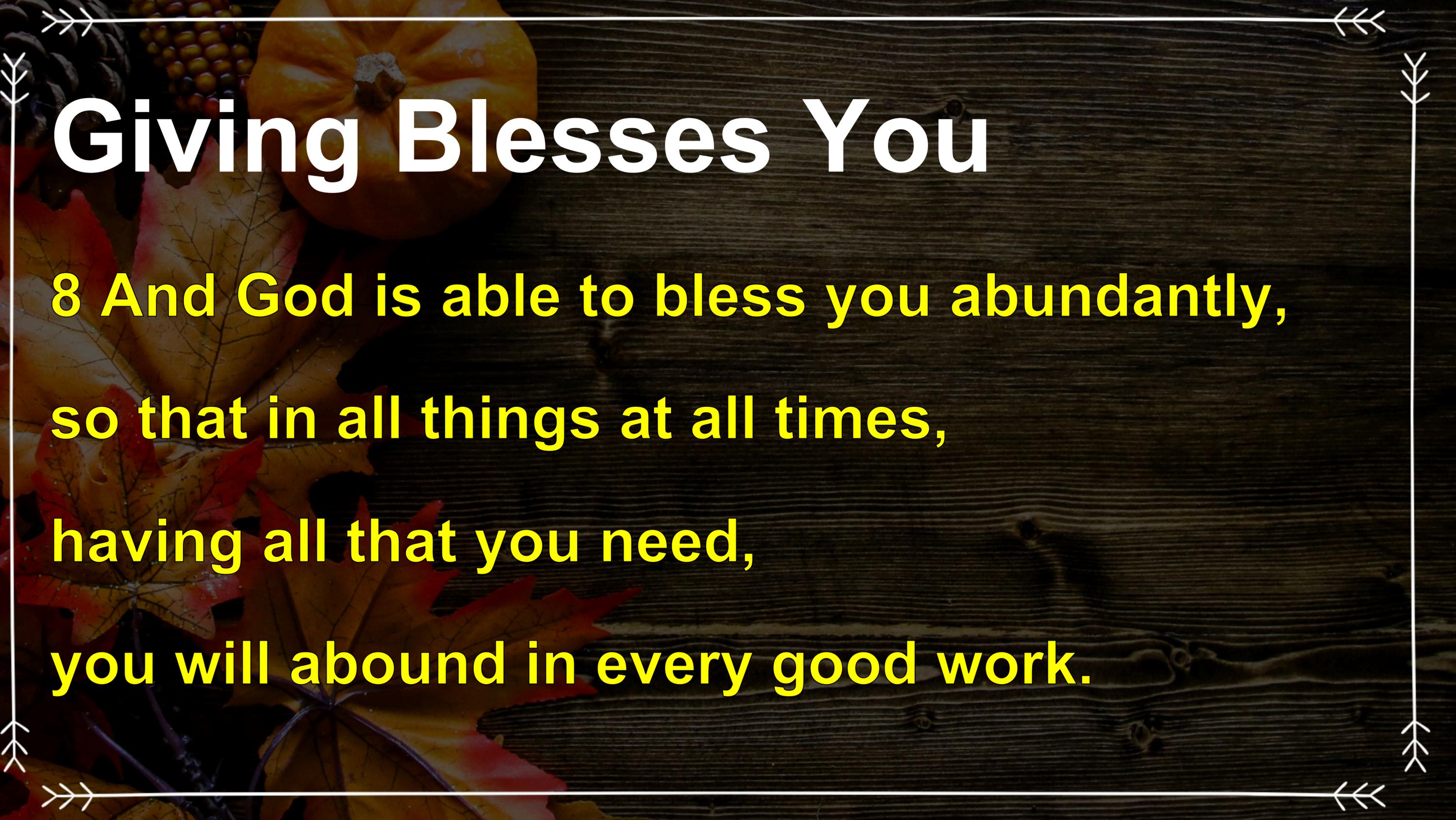
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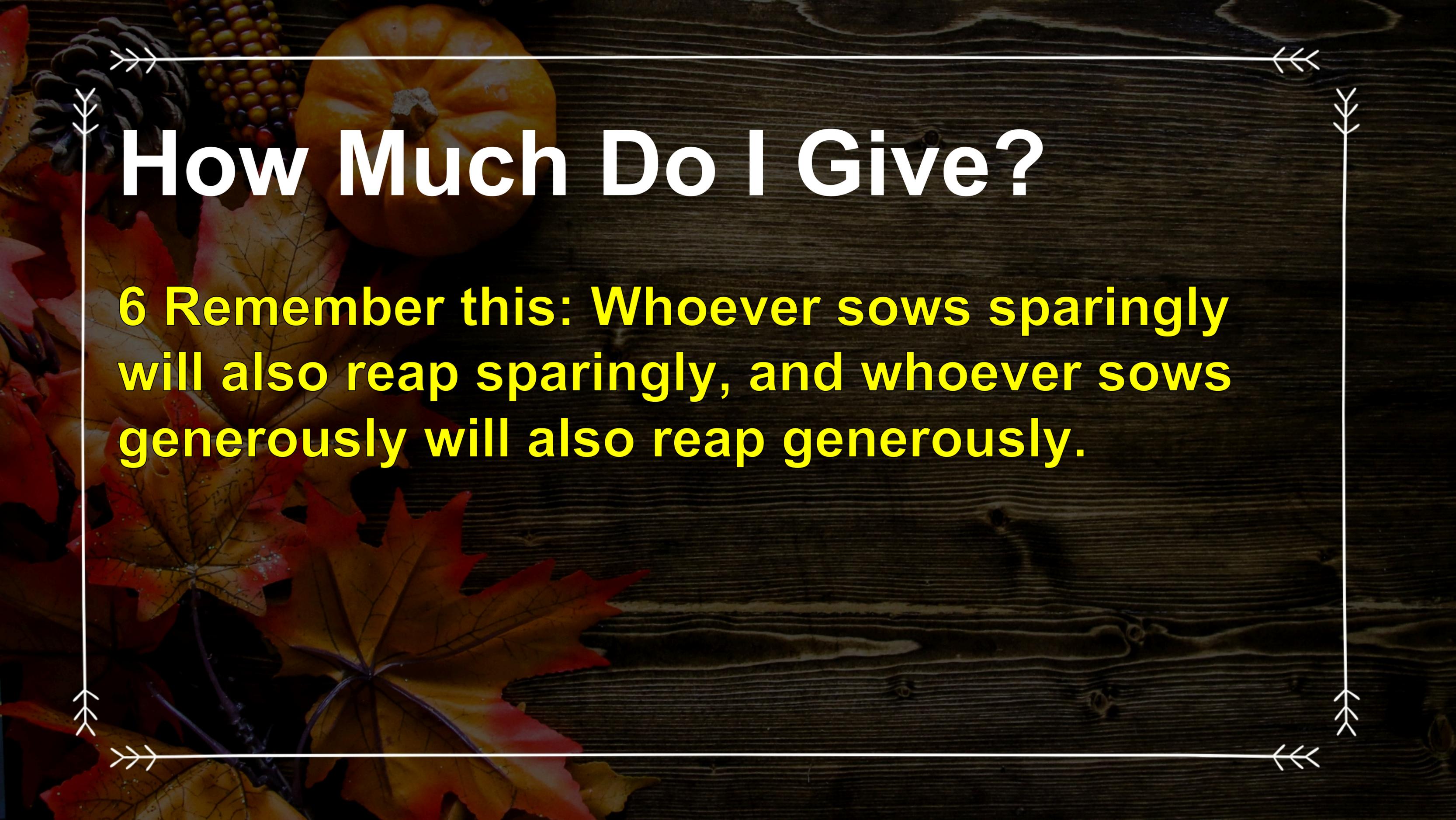
Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

1 Timothy 6:18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.



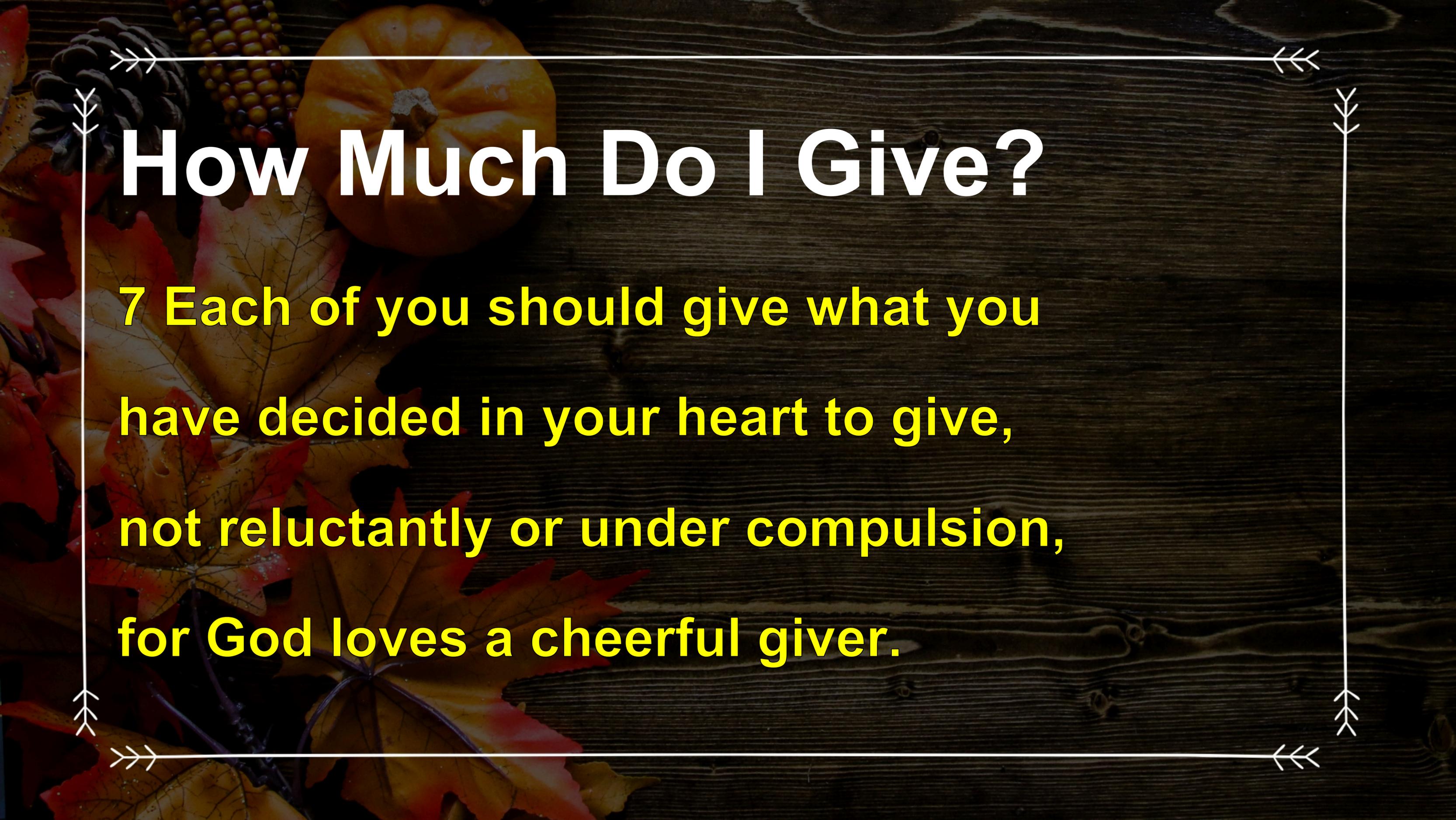
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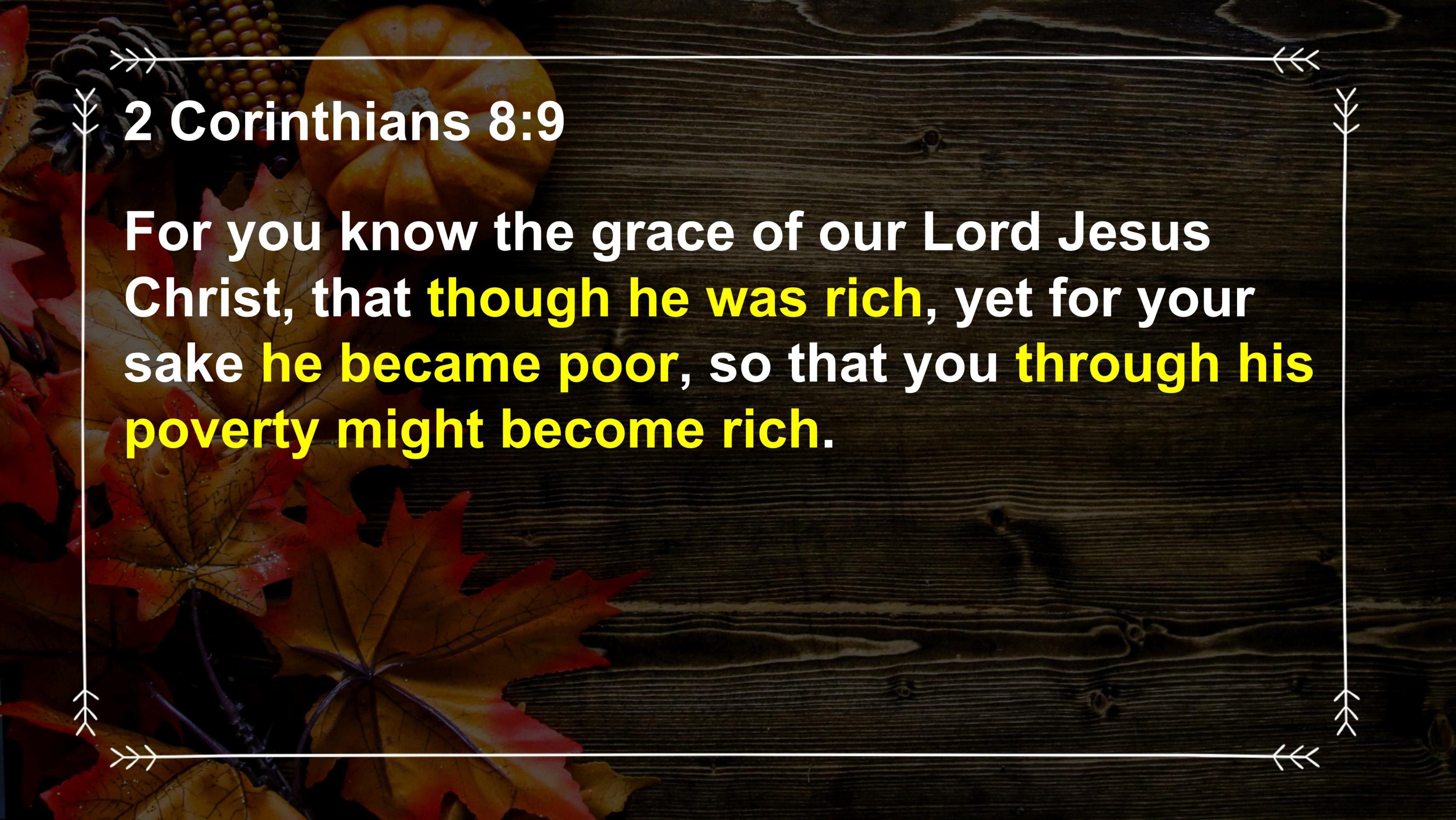
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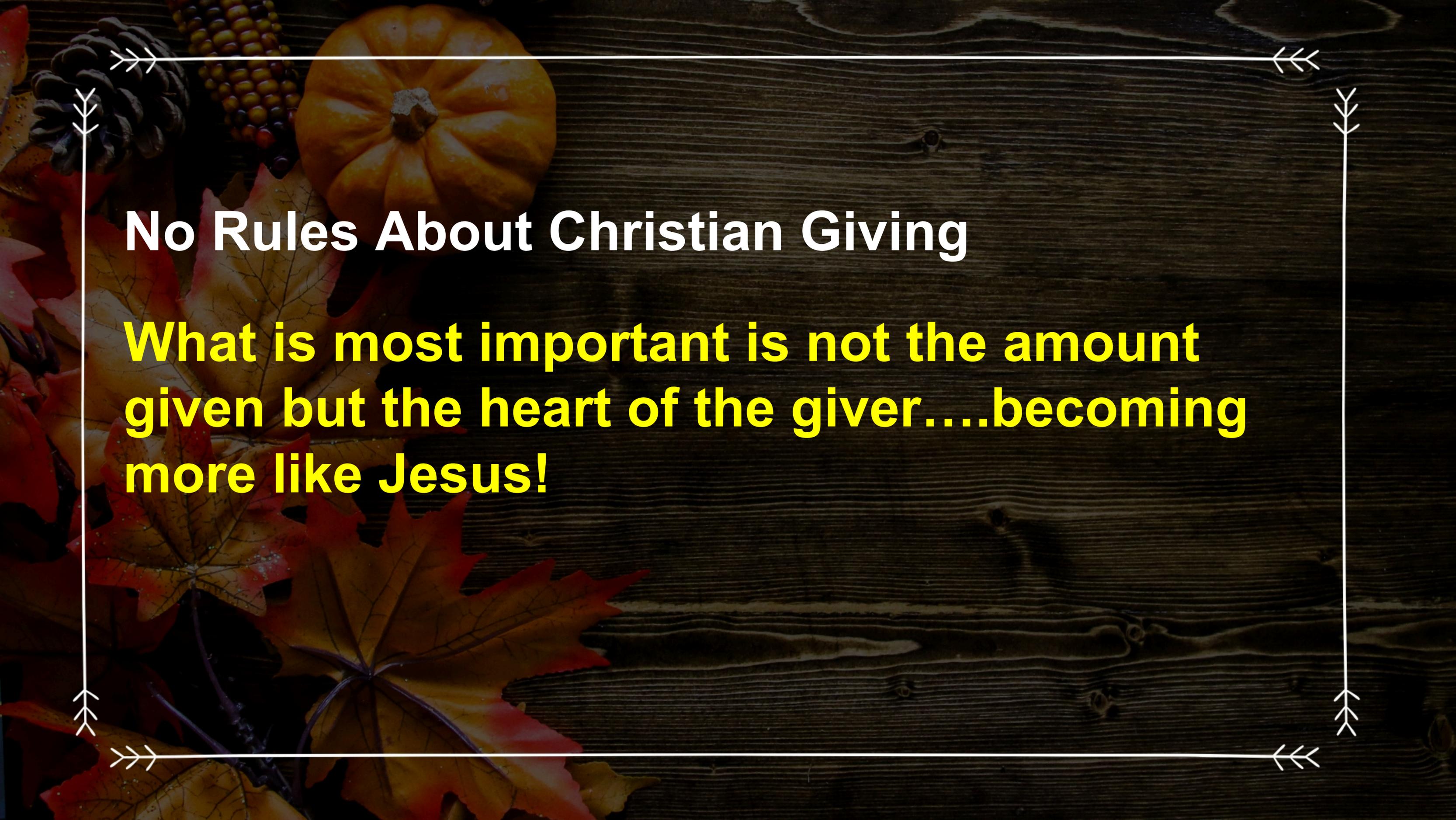
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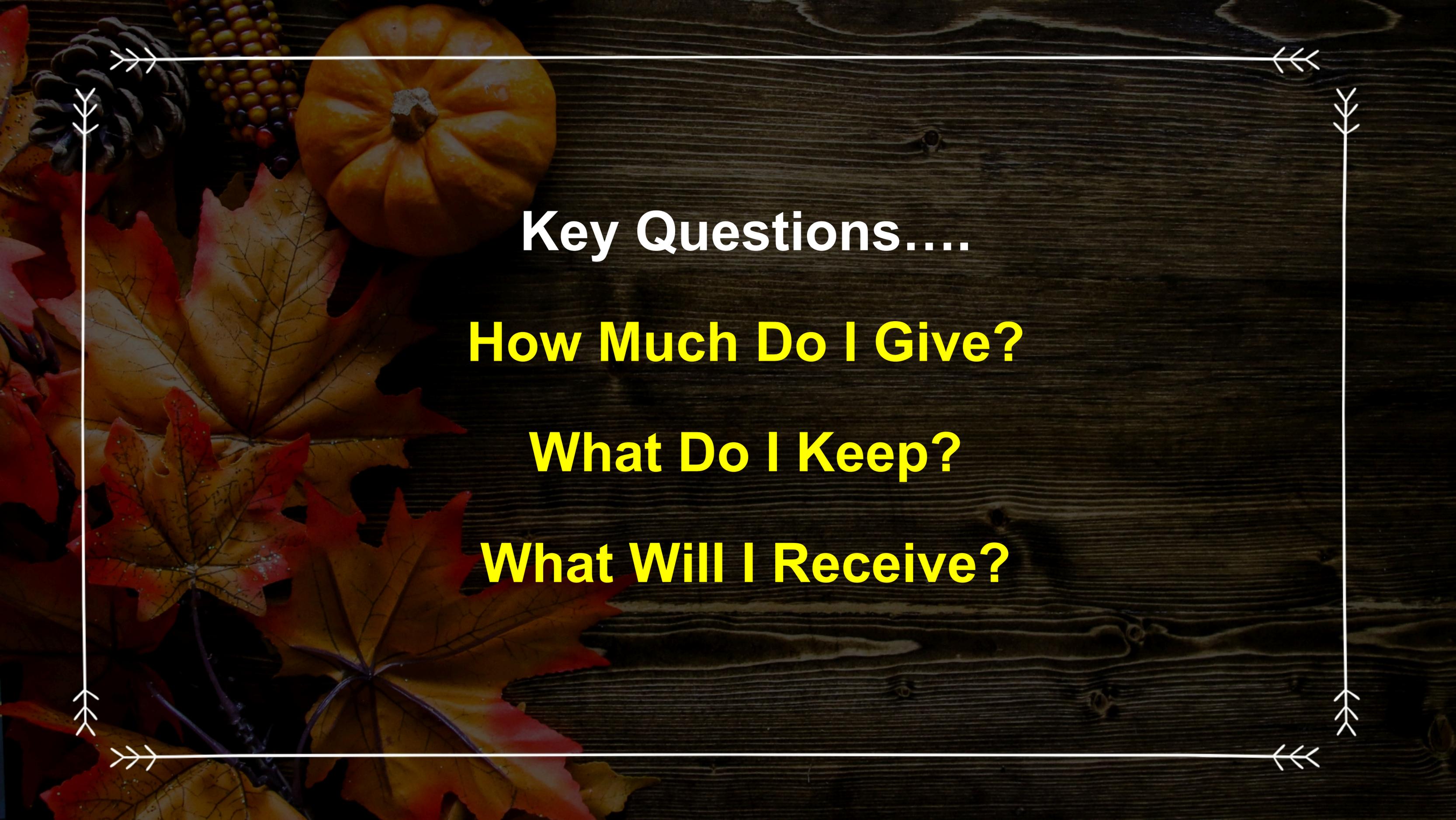
2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that **though he was rich**, yet for your sake **he became poor**, so that you **through his poverty might become rich**.



No Rules About Christian Giving

What is most important is not the amount given but the heart of the giver....becoming more like Jesus!

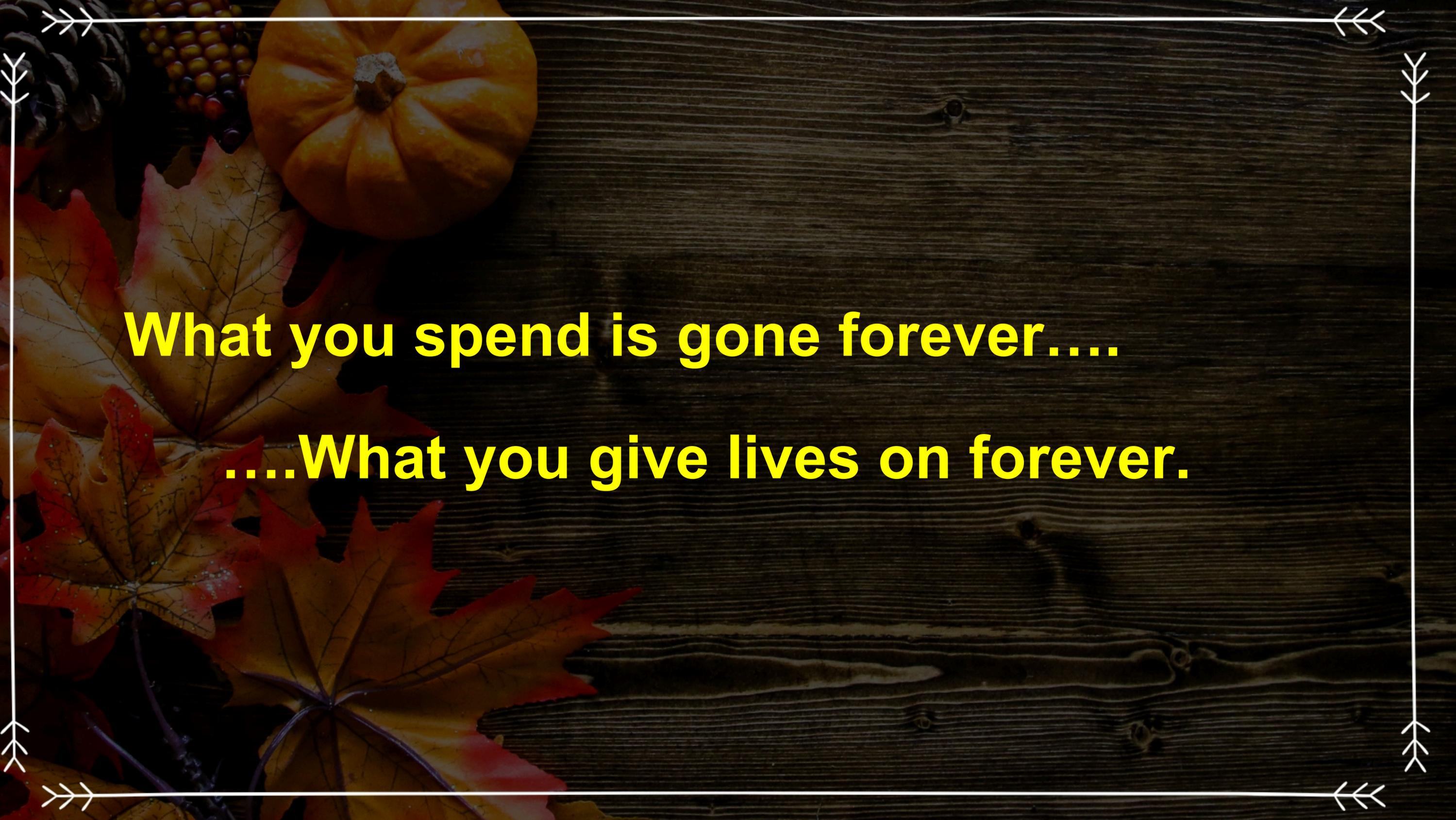


Key Questions....

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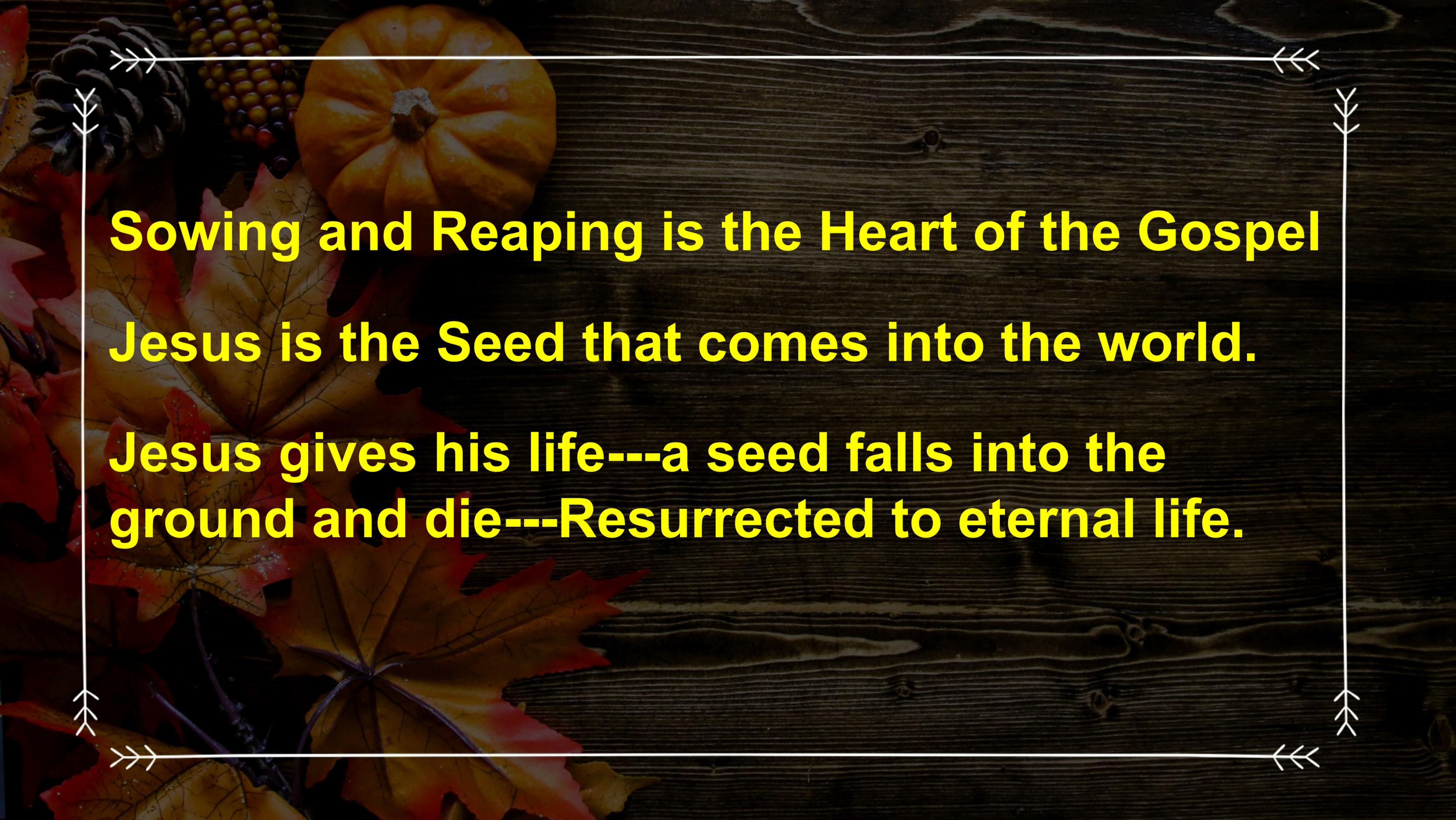
What Do I Keep?

What Will I Receive?



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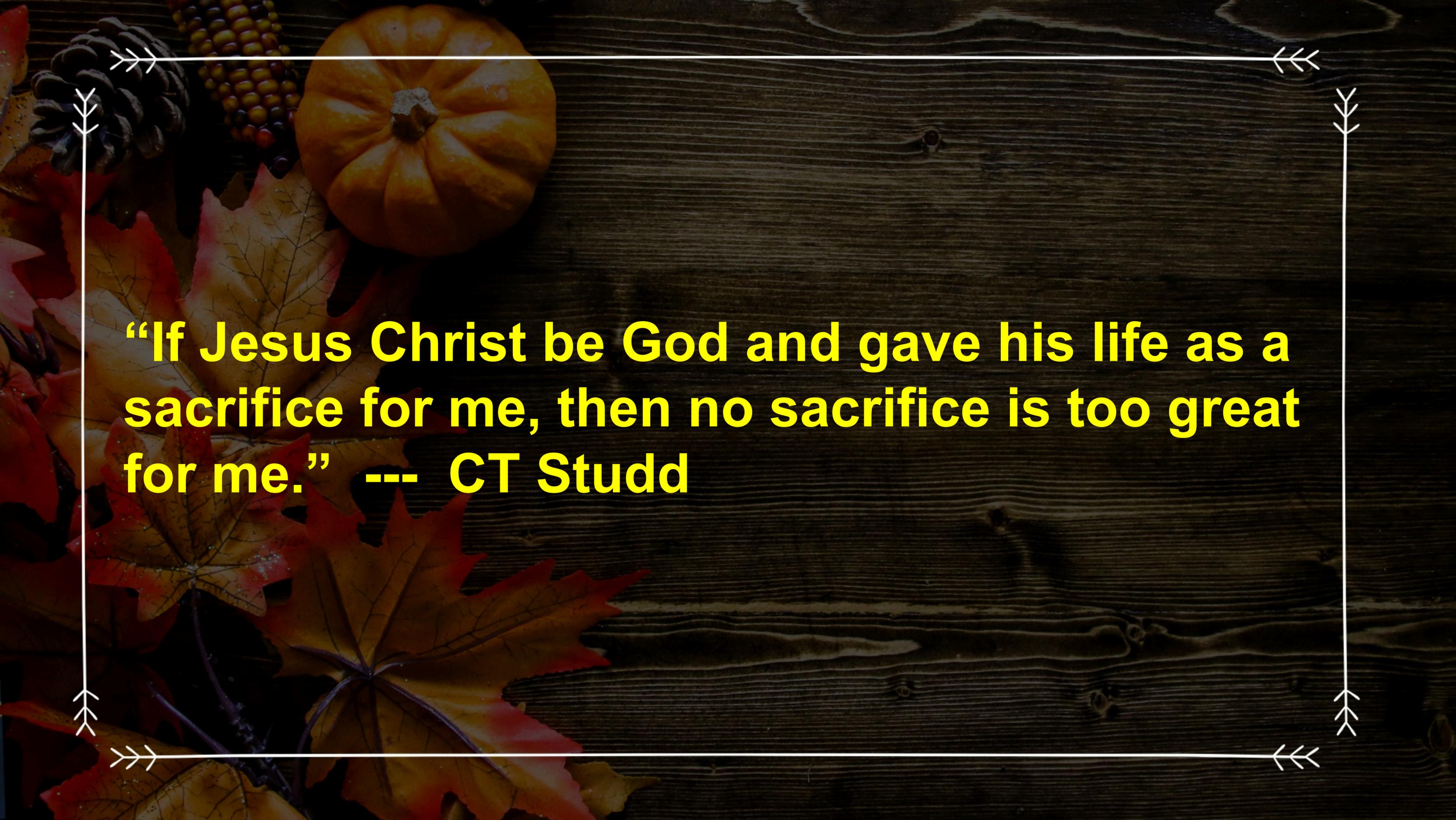
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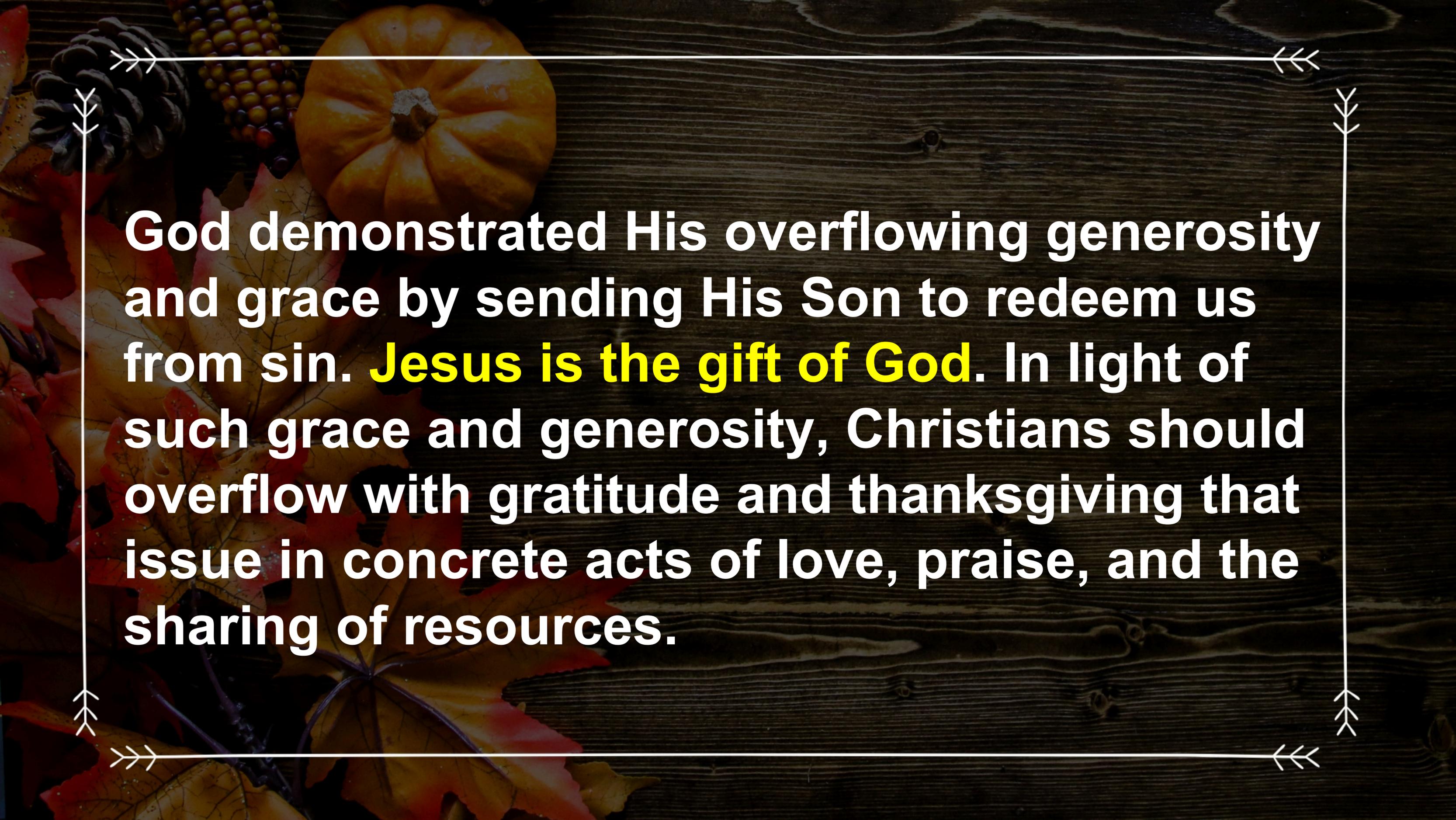
Sowing and Reaping is the Heart of the Gospel

Jesus is the Seed that comes into the world.

**Jesus gives his life---a seed falls into the
ground and die---Resurrected to eternal life.**



“If Jesus Christ be God and gave his life as a sacrifice for me, then no sacrifice is too great for me.” --- CT Studd



God demonstrated His overflowing generosity and grace by sending His Son to redeem us from sin. **Jesus is the gift of God. In light of such grace and generosity, Christians should overflow with gratitude and thanksgiving that issue in concrete acts of love, praise, and the sharing of resources.**



Thanksgiving