



**Living Generously and Graciously**  
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**Passage in a Sentence:** As Kingdom Citizens, we are to live generously and graciously, just as God lives toward us.

- I. As Kingdom Citizens, we are to live generously toward others, even those who are evil (5:38-42).**
  - a. In the Kingdom:
    - i. Responsibilities are more important to us than revenge.
    - ii. Repentance is more important to us than retaliation.
    - iii. We joyfully serve because we've been joyfully saved.
  - b. Live generously as you steward the body the Lord entrusts to you.
  - c. Live generously as you steward the property the Lord entrusts to you.
  - d. Live generously as you steward the time the Lord entrusts to you.
  - e. Live generously as you steward the resources the Lord entrusts to you.
  
- II. As Kingdom Citizens, we are to live graciously toward others, even those who are our enemies (5:43-47).**
  - a. As God's children, we graciously love all, including our enemies.
  - b. As God's children, we graciously pray for all, including our enemies.
  - c. As God's children, our living graciously is based on mercy, not merit.
  
- III. As Kingdom Citizens, we, who were evil enemies of God, are loved generously and graciously by God (5:48).**
  - a. Through us, the perfect love of God is to be displayed.
  - b. To us, the perfect love of God has been demonstrated.