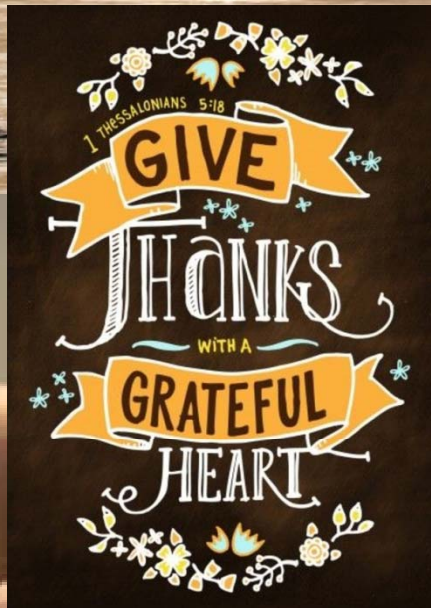




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LASTING  
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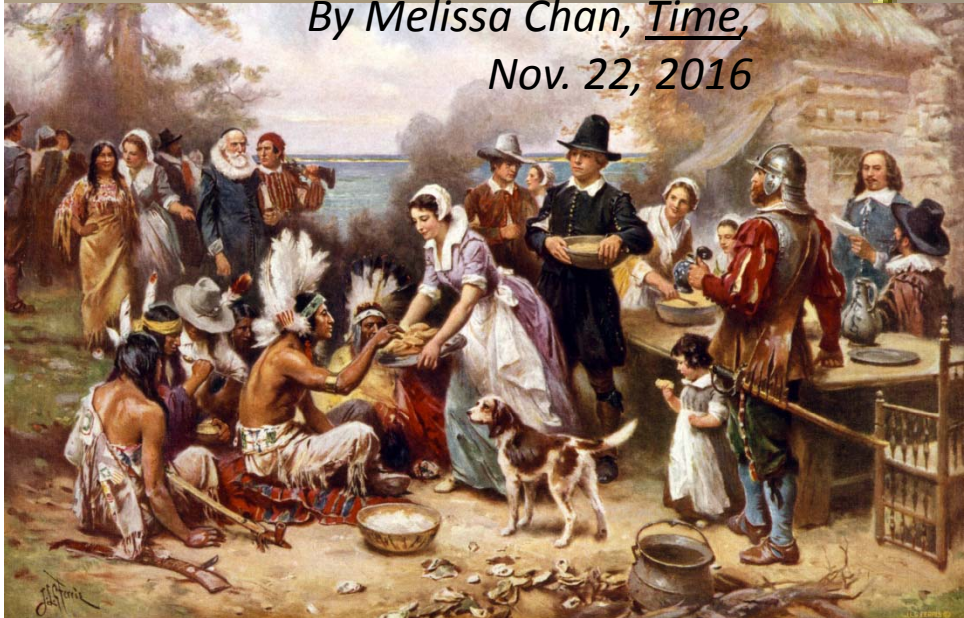
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*“Thanksgiving tells a story that is convenient for Americans,” Keeler said, “but it’s a celebration of our survival. I recognize it as a chance for my family to come together **as survivors** pretty much in defiance.”*

*Jacqueline Keeler, a member of Dineh Nation and Yankton Dakota Sioux, Oregon*

*By Melissa Chan, Time, Nov. 22, 2016*



**What are YOU Thankful For?**





« YOU CAN »



# SURVIVE

**3 MINUTES**  
without  
**AIR** 

**3 HOURS**  
without  
**SHELTER** 

**3 DAYS**  
without  
**WATER** 

**30 DAYS**  
without  
**FOOD** 



# *Psalm 112:1-10*

## *Happy Are Those Who Fear the Lord*

### **Psalm 112. Hallelu-Jah!**

- (1) (N) Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD,  
(1) that delighteth greatly in his commandments.
- (2) (A) His seed shall be mighty upon earth:  
(T) The generation of the upright shall be blessed.
- (3) (R) Wealth and riches shall be in his house:  
(I) and his righteousness endureth for ever.
- (4) (S) Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness:  
(N) he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.
- (5) (V) A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth:  
(Y) he will guide his affairs with discretion.
- (6) (D) Surely he shall not be moved for ever:  
(O) the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.
- (7) (D) He shall not be afraid of evil tidings:  
(I) his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.
- (8) (V) His heart is established, he shall not be afraid,  
(Y) until he see his desire upon his enemies.
- (9) (G) He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor;  
(S) his righteousness endureth for ever;  
(P) his horn shall be exalted with honour.
- (10) (T) The wicked shall see it, and be grieved;  
(V) he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away:  
(I) the wicked shall perish.

"Praise the Lord!  
Blessed is the man who  
fears the Lord, Who  
delights greatly in His  
commandments."

Psalm 112:1

*Give thanks for  
"the Reign of God"*



# Psalm 112:1-10

## Great are "the Works of God"

### Psalm 111. Hallelu-Jah!

- (1) (N) I will praise the LORD with my whole heart  
(1) in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.
- (2) (A) The works of the LORD are great,  
(T) sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
- (3) (7) His work is honourable and glorious:  
(1) and his righteousness endureth for ever.
- (4) (t) He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered:  
(7) the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
- (5) (v) He hath given meat unto them that fear him:  
(y) he will ever be mindful of his covenant.
- (6) (c) He hath shewed his people the power of his works,  
(7) that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.
- (7) (D) The works of his hands are verity and judgment;  
(s) all his commandments are sure.
- (8) (v) They stand fast for ever and ever,  
(y) and are done in truth and uprightness.
- (9) (g) He sent redemption unto his people:  
(S) he hath commanded his covenant for ever:  
(p) holy and reverend is his name.
- (10) (7) The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom:  
(v) a good understanding have all they that do his  
commandments: (7) his praise endureth for ever.

Great are the works of  
the Lord; they are  
pondered by all who  
delight in them.  
Glorious and majestic  
are his deeds, and his  
righteousness  
endures forever.  
He has caused his  
wonders to be  
remembered;  
the Lord is gracious  
and  
compassionate.

Psalm 111:2-4

Twin Psalms of Thanksgiving!





*Psalm 112:1-10*  
*Above All Give Thanks to "God"*



HAPPY  
Thanksgiving  
DAY

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34 *Asaph & His associates*

*An Ancient Thanksgiving Cantata*

*1. We give thanks to God for wealth and riches  
in our house.*

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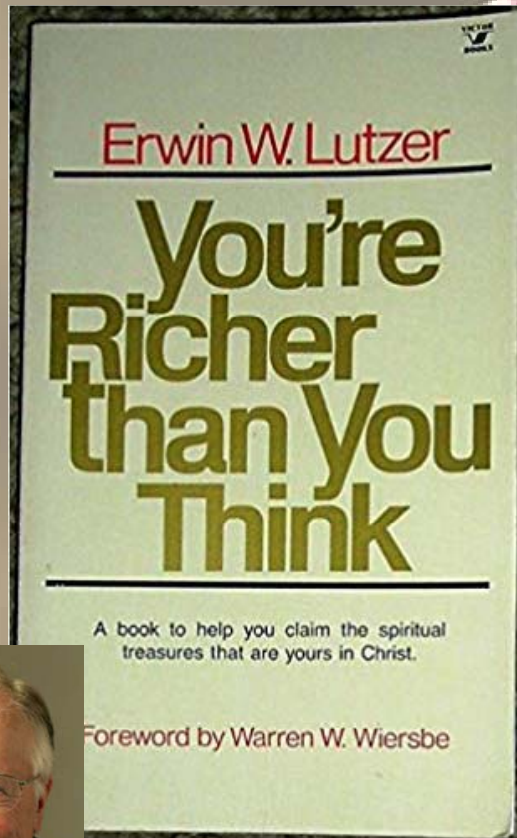
**Wealth and riches shall be  
in his house: and his  
righteousness endures for  
ever.**

**—Psalm 112:3**

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1. *We give thanks to God for wealth and riches in our house.*

A colorful cartoon illustration of a family of four sitting around a dining table. There is a boy on the left, a girl in the middle, another boy on the right, and a woman on the far right. They are all smiling and appear to be eating. On the table are plates of food, glasses, and a vase with flowers. The scene is set in a room with a window in the background showing a bright, sunny day.

M  
Memorizing  
Quotes

If you have a family that loves you, a few good friends, food on your table and a roof over your head.  
**You are richer than you think.**

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*1. We give thanks to God for wealth and riches in our house.*

**State:**  
Select a state

**Metropolitan area:**  
Metro area

**Household income before taxes:**  
\$

**People in my household:**  
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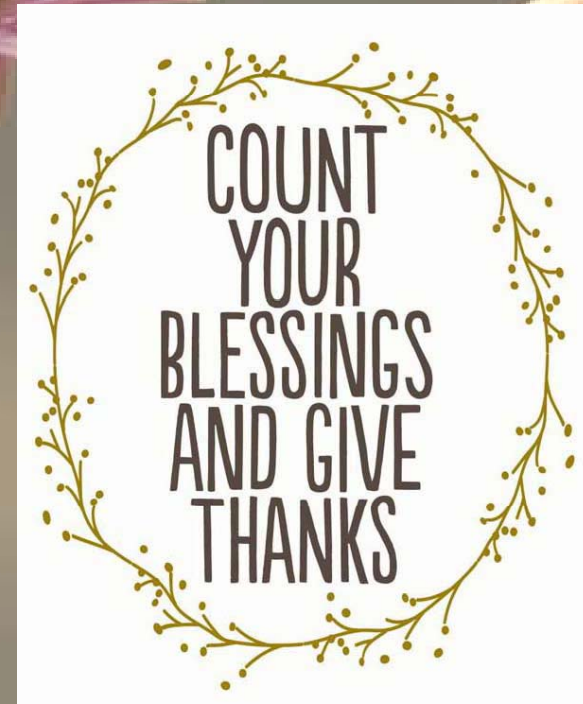
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**SHARE OF AMERICAN ADULTS IN EACH INCOME TIER**

Upper	19%
Middle	52%
Lower	29%

**Pew Research Center**



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1. *We give thanks to God for wealth and riches in our house.*

*“Knowing others is intelligence; knowing yourself is true wisdom. Mastering others is strength; mastering yourself is true power. If you realize that you have enough, you are truly rich.”*

*Watch your thoughts;  
They become words.  
Watch your words;  
They become actions.  
Watch your actions;  
They become habits.  
Watch your habits;  
They become character.  
Watch your character;  
It becomes your destiny.*

**Lao Tzu**



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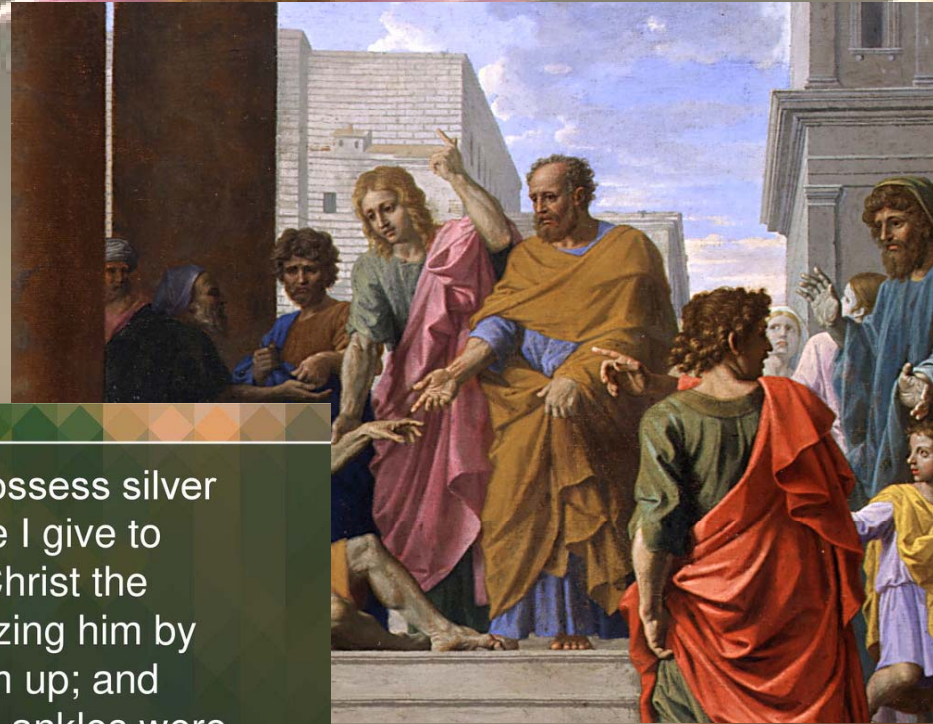


2. *We give thanks for generosity of godly men and women.*

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a single pink daisy flower with a green stem. Another hand is visible on the right side of the frame, with fingers slightly curled as if reaching towards the flower. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

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2. *We give thanks for generosity of godly men and women.*



<sup>6</sup> But Peter said, “I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!” <sup>7</sup> And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened.

- Acts 3:6-7

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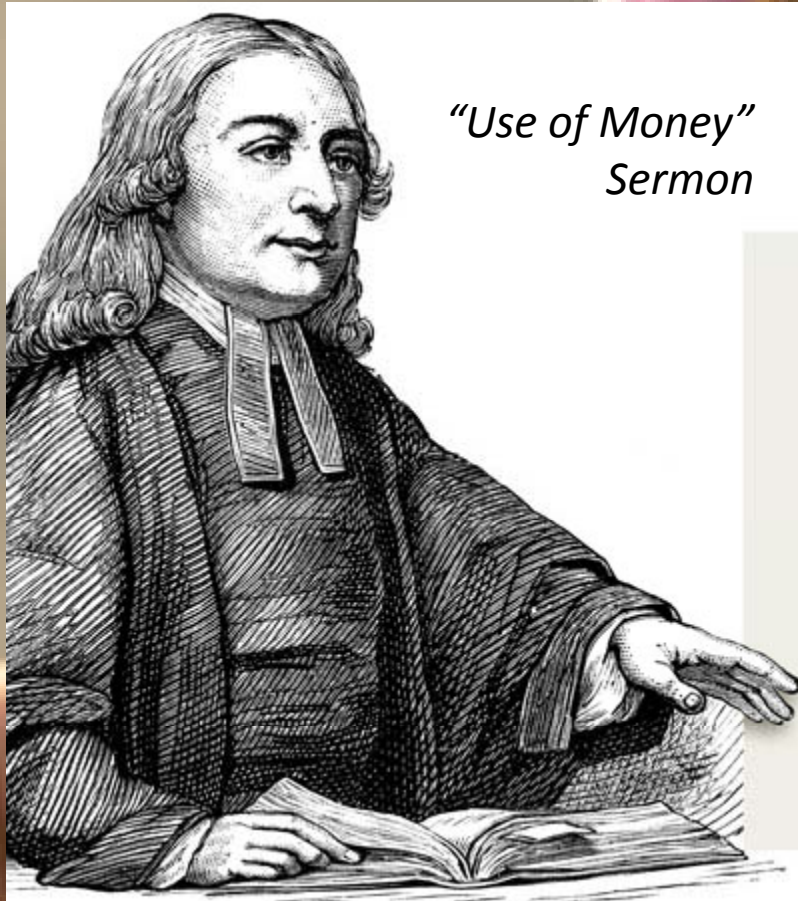
Mark 12:43-44

**Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."**

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2. We give thanks for generosity of godly men and women.



*"Use of Money"*  
Sermon

**Gain all you can.** Gain all you can by honest industry, and exercise all possible diligence in your calling. Make the most of the time. If you understand yourself and your relationship to God and others, you know that you have no hours to spare. ...

**Save all you can...**

**Give all you can...**

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2. *We give thanks for generosity of godly men and women.*

I've tried and failed at many things in life but I will **NEVER** stop giving 100% at being the best mom I can be.

...One dad had a habit of saying, 'I can't afford it.' The other dad forbade those words to be used. He insisted I ask, 'How can I afford it?' One is a statement, and the other is a question. One lets you off the hook, and the other forces you to think."

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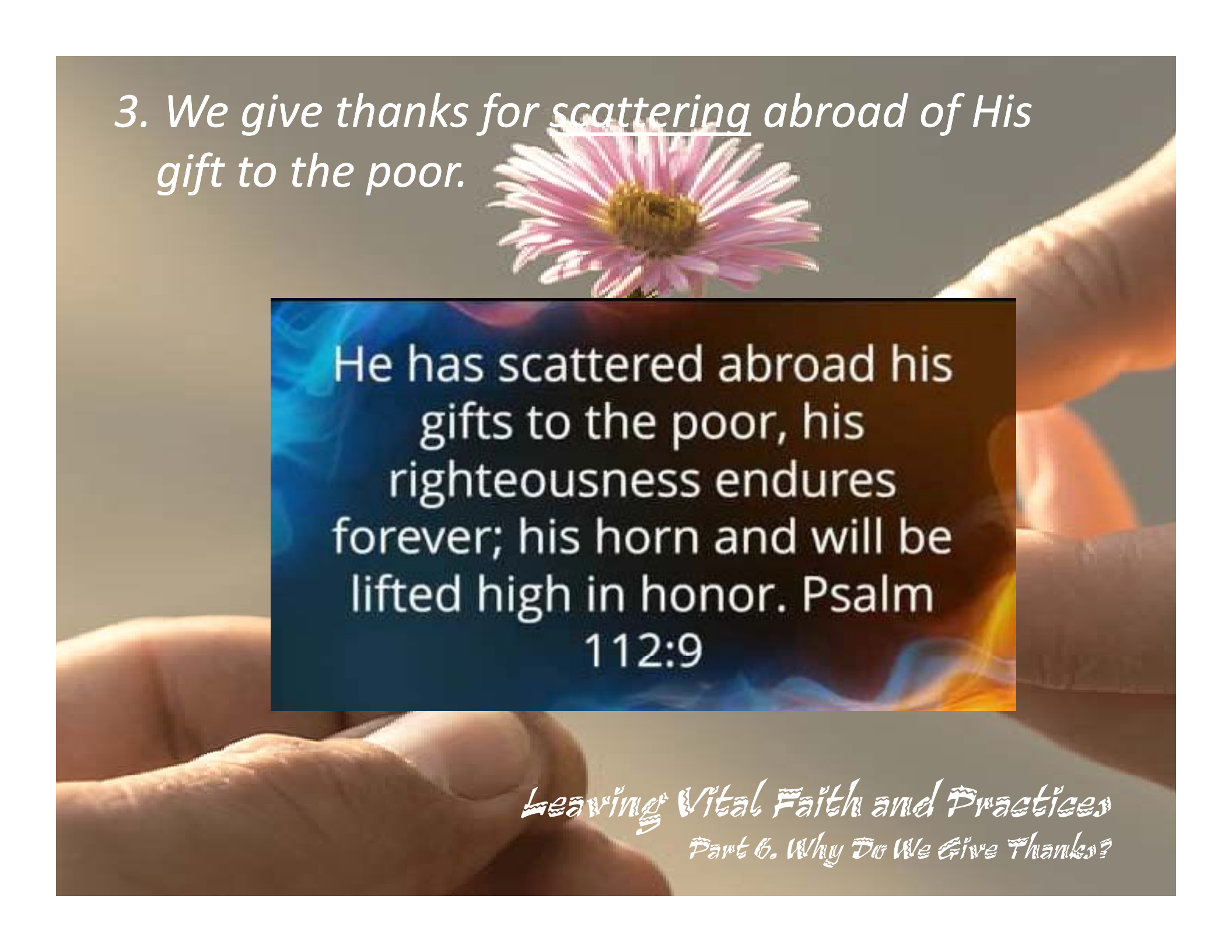
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3. *We give thanks for scattering abroad of His gift to the poor.*



He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures forever; his horn and will be lifted high in honor. Psalm 112:9

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### 3. We give thanks for scattering abroad of His gift to the poor.

**Compassion**  
Helping children from poverty  
in Jesus' name

## the Ripple Effect

### EDUCATING GIRLS IN POVERTY

Studies — lots of them — have shown that education is one of the best investments to make for children who live in poverty. And educating girls, specifically, creates ripples of change for generations to come.

**HIV AND AIDS**  
rates are *reduced by 50%* among youth who have completed primary education.

**700,000 HIV cases** could be prevented each year if all children received a primary education.

A girl in the developing world who receives **7 years of education...**  
Marries 4 years later — decreasing pregnancy death rates and infant mortality  
And has 2 fewer children — meaning she can invest more in the health and education of the children she does have.

"I always tell people if you want to do something great in the world, sponsor a girl in sub-Saharan Africa, because we see enormous impacts in the sponsorships of little girls in places like Uganda and Kenya. If you sponsor a girl in sub-Saharan Africa, she's likely to obtain three more years of education, she's far more likely to finish high school and also has a greater chance of finishing university and getting a salaried, white-collar job in adulthood."  
Dr. Bruce Wydick, Professor of Economics and International Studies, University of San Francisco

Only **43%** of secondary-school-age girls are in school in developing countries.  
1 out of 5 girls in the developing world does not complete sixth grade.

More than **10,000** girls a day will get married before they turn 15.  
But girls with secondary schooling are **6 times** less likely to marry before they turn 18.

A woman who earns an income *reinvests 90%* of it into her family.  
A man typically *spends 30-40%* of his income on his family.

1 year of schooling increases a girl's individual *earning power* by **10 to 20%**.

*Want to change the world? Sponsor a girl in poverty.*  
**You have opportunities to transform the world.**

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Means of Grace to Shape our future  
**2019**  
Toward "the year of multiplication"

1. Why do we gather?
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3. Why do we remember?
4. Why do we remember the past?
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SHARING  
**GOD'S**  
GIFTS

compassion  
joy  
grace  
overflowing  
share  
hope  
give  
healing  
love  
stewardship  
kindness  
servanthood  
transforming  
happiness  
connectional

Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me." - Matthew 25:40

**"Thank you for your giving"**

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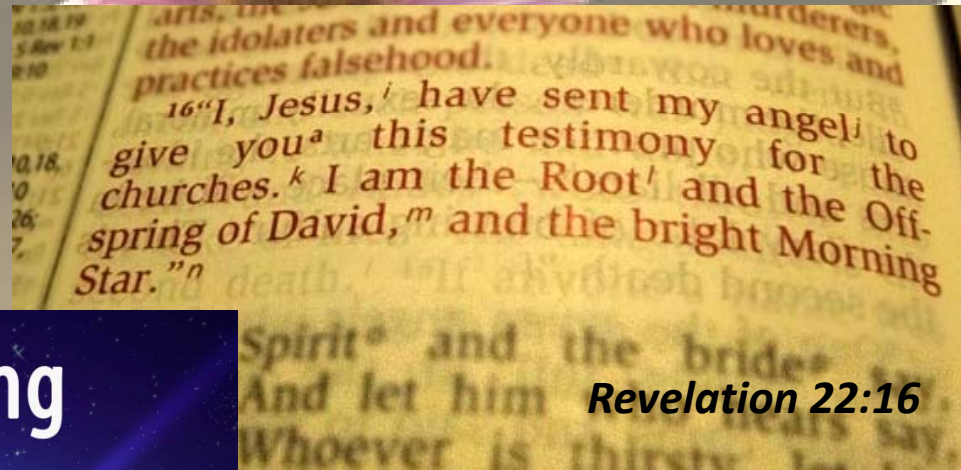


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in darkness.



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*The greatest work of the Father.!*

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4. We give thanks for the Morning Star dawning  
in darkness.

Now the earth  
was formless  
and empty,  
darkness was  
over the  
surface of the  
deep, and the  
Spirit of God  
was hovering  
over the  
waters.

Genesis 1:2



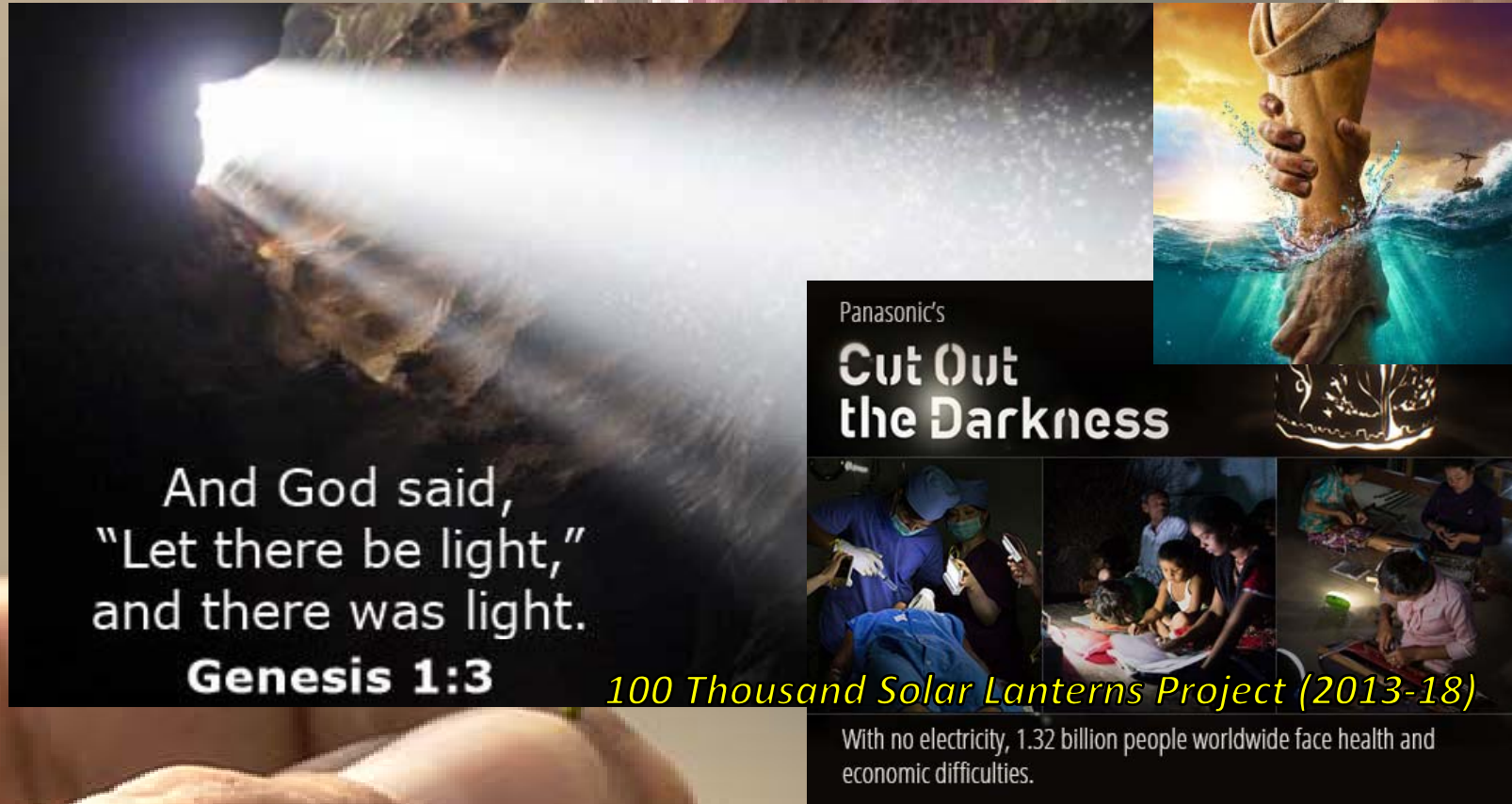
The people walking in  
darkness have seen  
**a great light;**  
on those living in the land  
of the shadow of death a  
light has dawned.

Isaiah 9:2

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And God said,  
"Let there be light,"  
and there was light.  
**Genesis 1:3**

Panasonic's  
**Cut Out  
the Darkness**

*100 Thousand Solar Lanterns Project (2013-18)*

With no electricity, 1.32 billion people worldwide face health and economic difficulties.

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