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Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

so that your giving may be in secret.

And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

### Matthew 5:20

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

"If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden

your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be.

Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, 'The seventh year, the year of release is near,'

and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the Lord against you, and you be guilty of sin.

You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you

in all your work and in all that you undertake. For there will never cease to be poor in the land.

Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'

#### Proverbs 14:21

Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor.

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As a benevolence team we recognize that the problem we are seeking to solve is at its core the problem of broken relationships.

We understand that poverty at its core is not material, but the breakdown in the relationship one has with God, self, others, and creation.

Our goal as a benevolence team is to help empower people to move from brokenness to wholeness as image bearers.

Our goal is to see people mend their relationship with God, self, others, and creation so they can be whole, healed,

and thrive in the design God has intended for them.

# Ways to Give

- Person or individual
- Organization
- MACC



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- Missions
- Charity/Non-Profits MACC
- Development
- As God leads you

Give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the Lord your God will bless you in everything you do.

### 1 Chronicles 29:9

The people rejoiced over the offerings, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord, and King David was filled with joy

## 2 Corinthians 9:7

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

Matthew 5:42

Give to those who ask, and don't turn away from those who want to borrow.

### Proverbs 11:25

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven.