


The Power of Generosity - Acts 2:42-47

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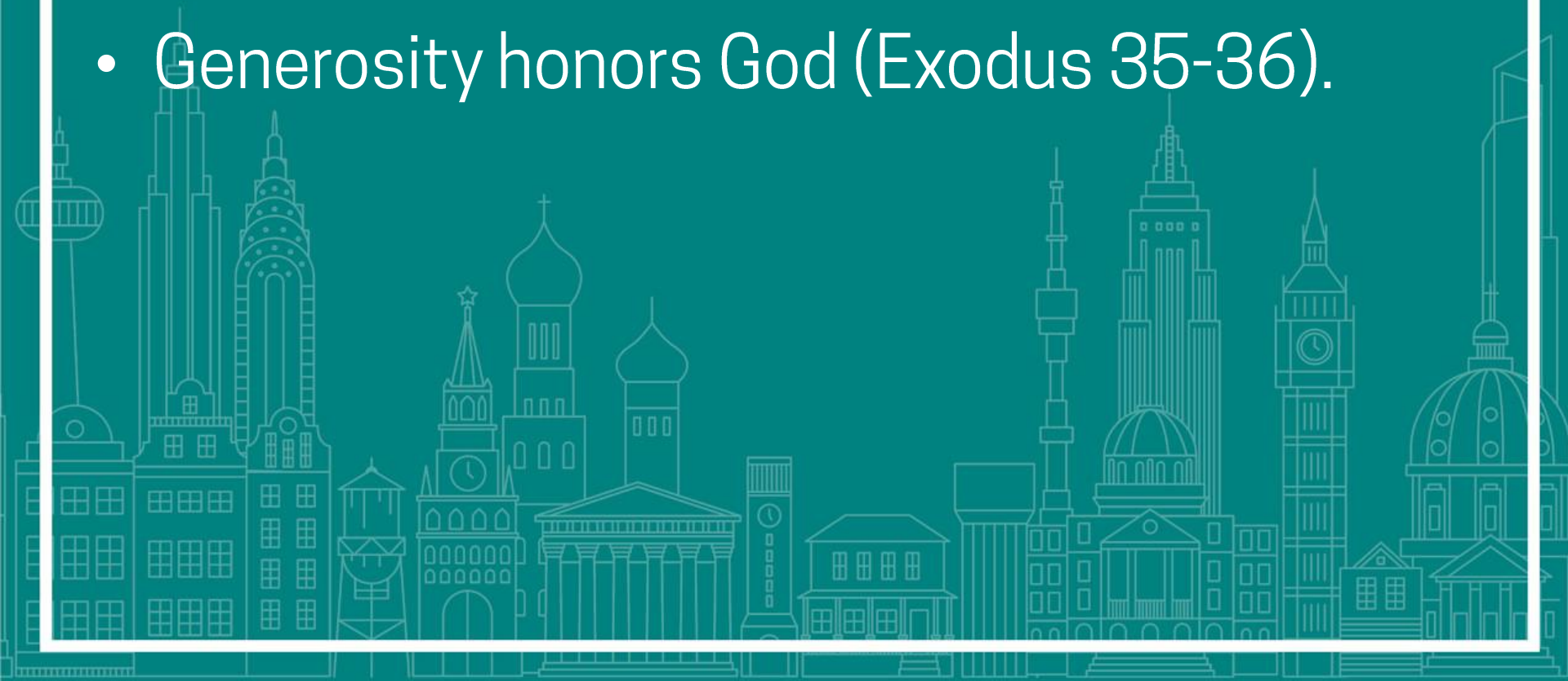
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Why does the Scripture call us to lives of radical generosity?



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- Generosity honors God (Exodus 35-36).



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All the men and women, the people of Israel, whose heart moved them to bring anything for the work that the Lord had commanded by Moses to be done [in the tabernacle] brought it as a freewill offering to the Lord... They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning,

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so that all the craftsmen who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task that he was doing, and said to Moses, 'The people bring much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do.'"

Exodus 35:29, 36:4-5

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You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs.

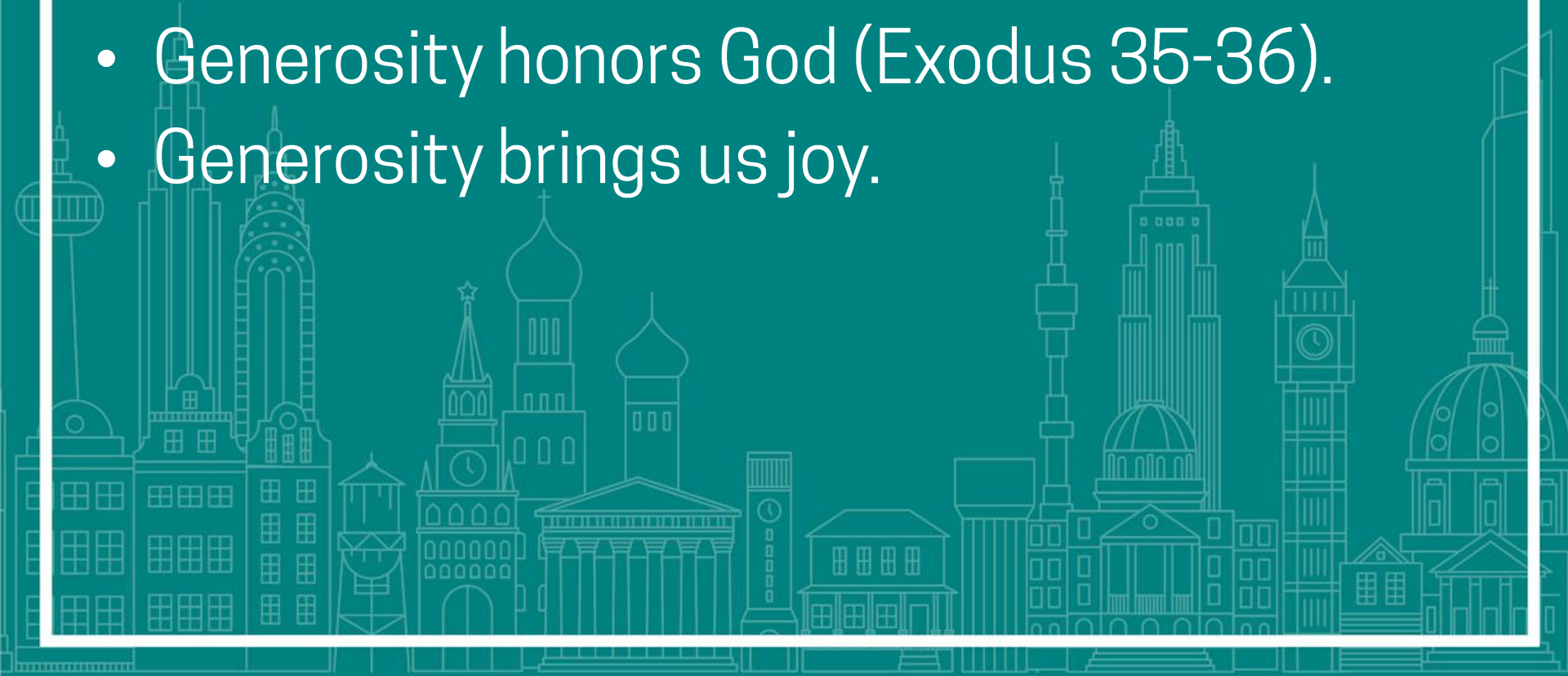
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But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.

Philippians 4:15-16, 18

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- Generosity honors God (Exodus 35-36).
- Generosity brings us joy.



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[Jesus] Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Acts 20:35



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Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

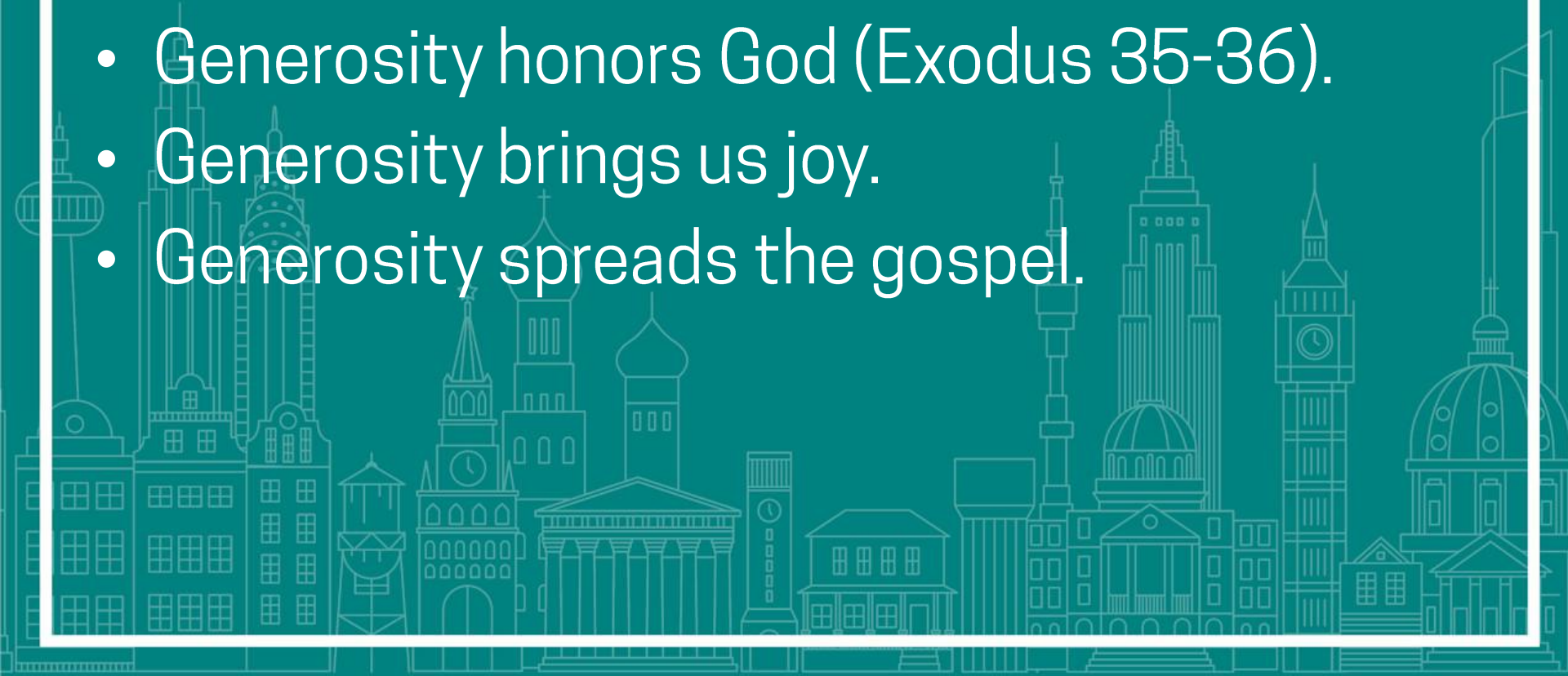
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And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.

2 Corinthians 9:6–8

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- Generosity brings us joy.
- Generosity spreads the gospel.



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I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
always offering prayer with joy in my every
prayer for you all, in view of your participation
in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:3-5

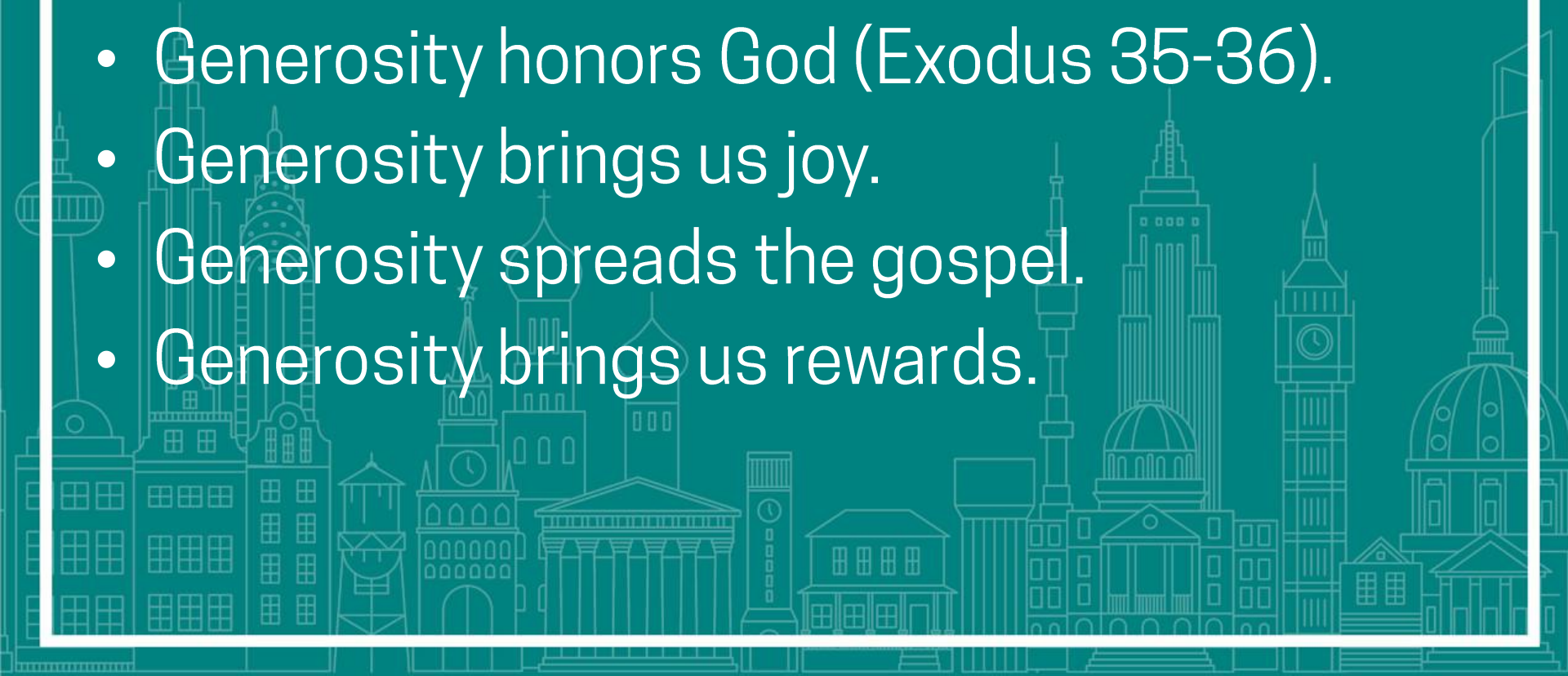
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“And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings.

Luke 16:9

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- Generosity brings us joy.
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- Generosity brings us rewards.



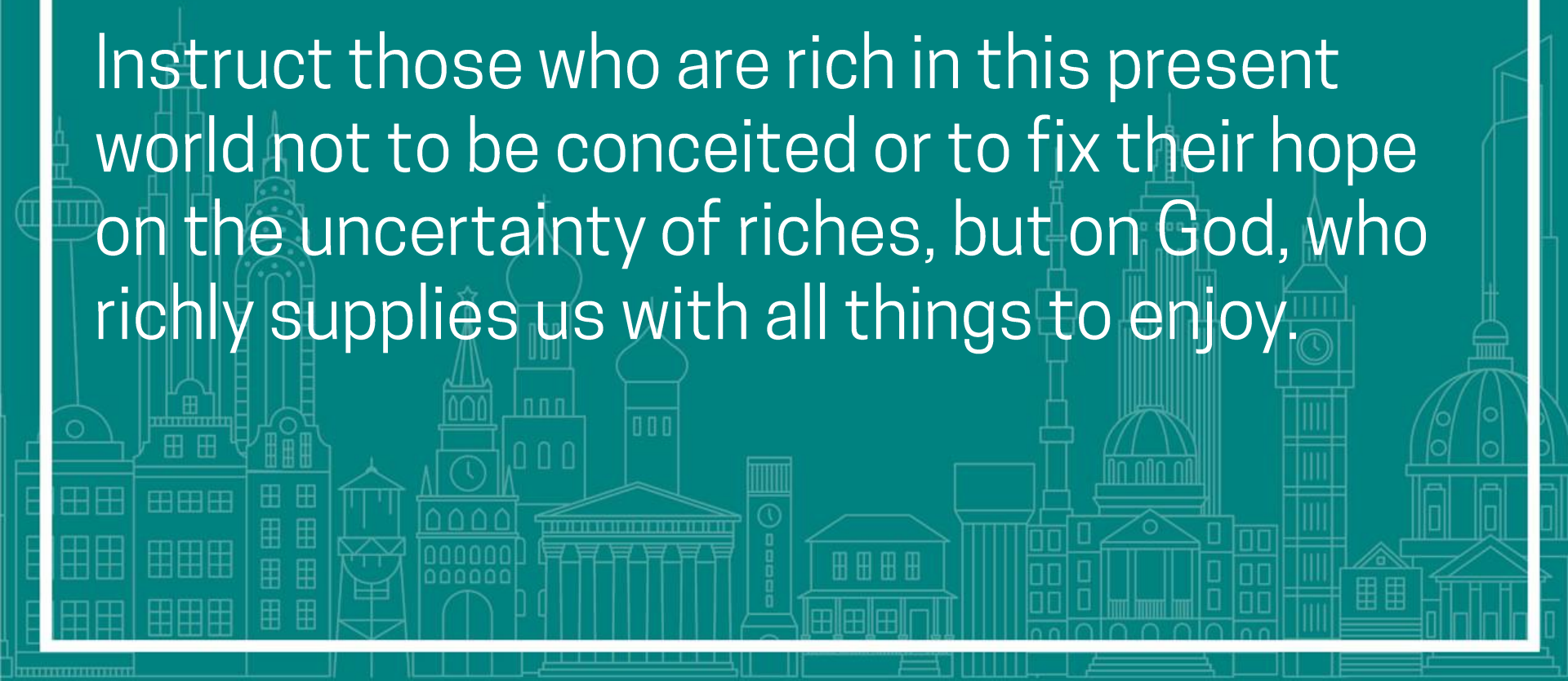
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“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. “But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal.

Matthew 6:19–20

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Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.



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Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

1 Timothy 6:17–19

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Is God calling you to take the next step in generosity as you seek to participate in the mission of the Church?



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- If you have a commitment card, drop it in the bucket.
- Write a name and a place on the board, or take a moment to pray for the one you wrote last year.
- Take the communion elements and return to your seat.

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