

Radically Generous - Acts 2:41-47

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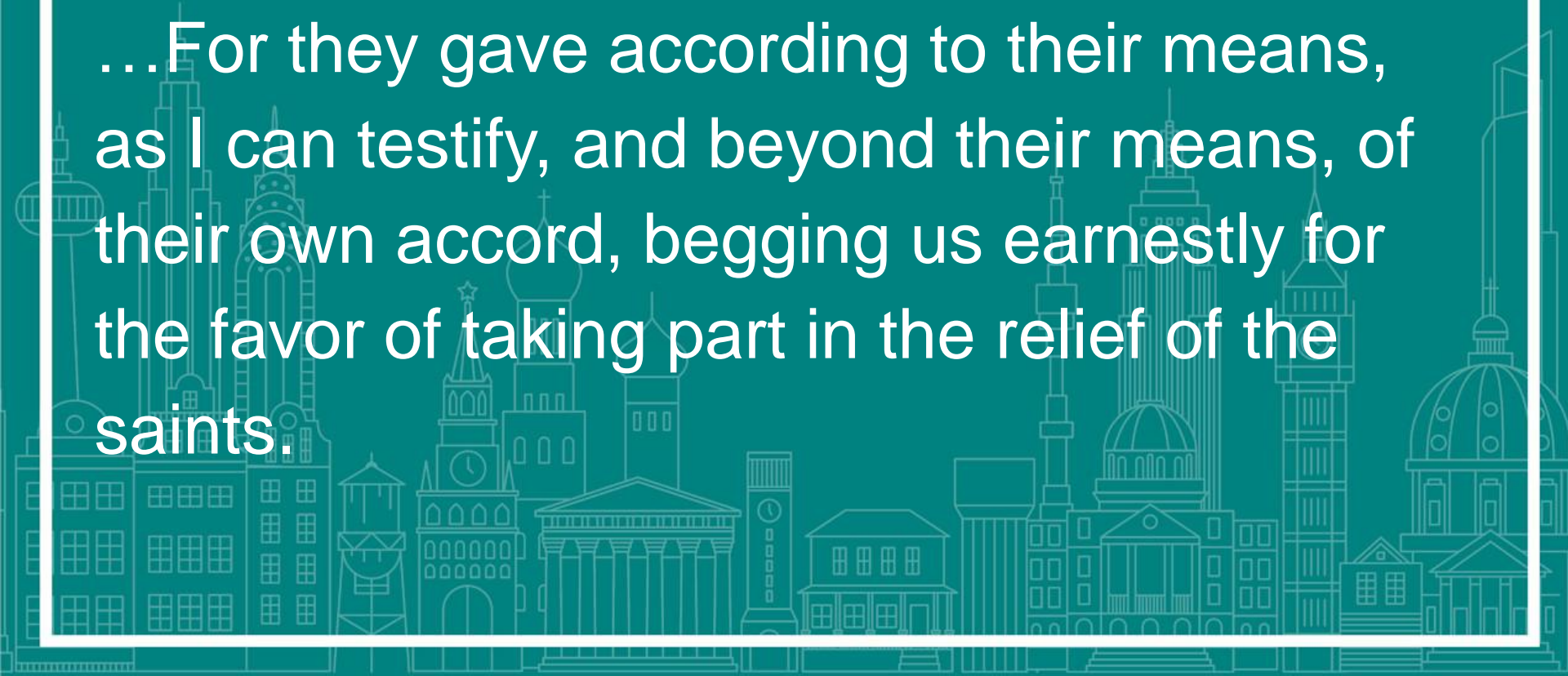


2 Corinthians 8:1-4

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part...

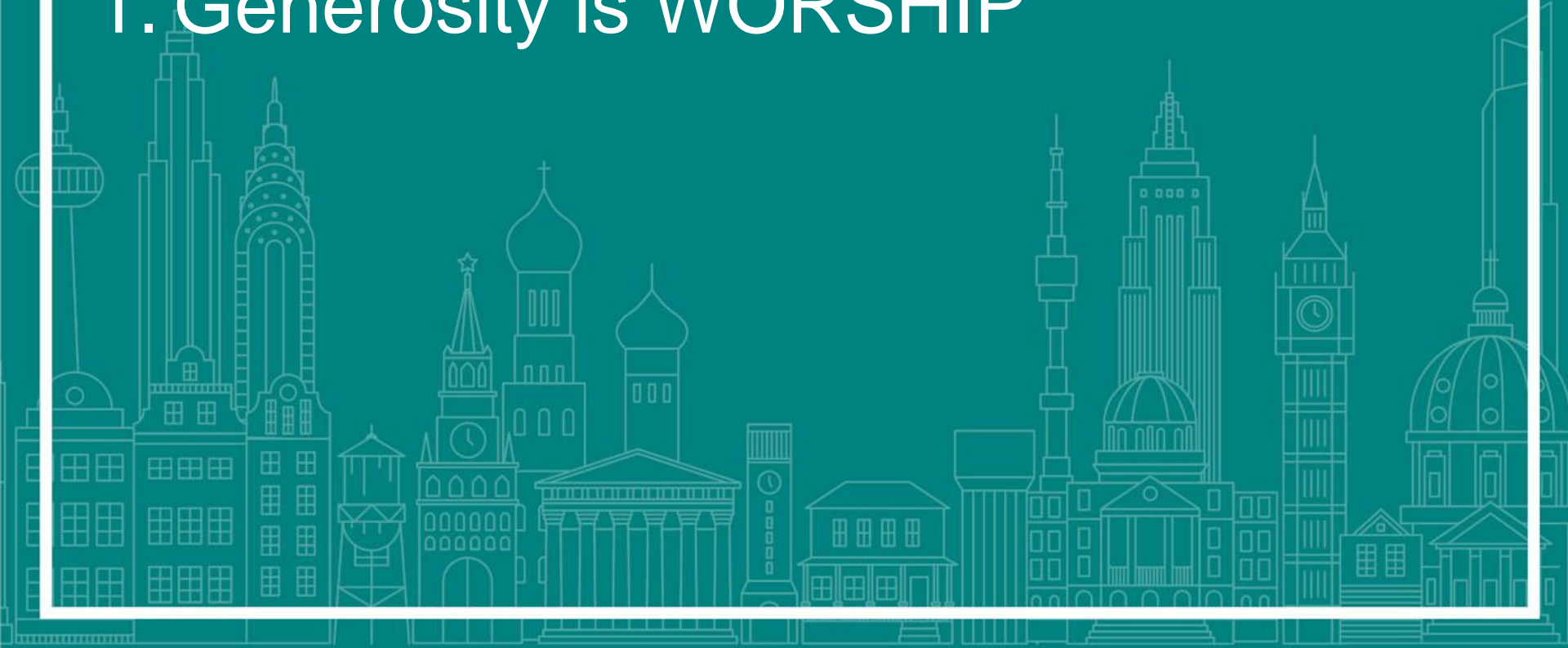
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...For they gave according to their means,
as I can testify, and beyond their means, of
their own accord, begging us earnestly for
the favor of taking part in the relief of the
saints.



Why Be Radically Generous?

1. Generosity is WORSHIP



Philippians 4:18

I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

2 Samuel 24:24

But the king said to Araunah, “No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing.” So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

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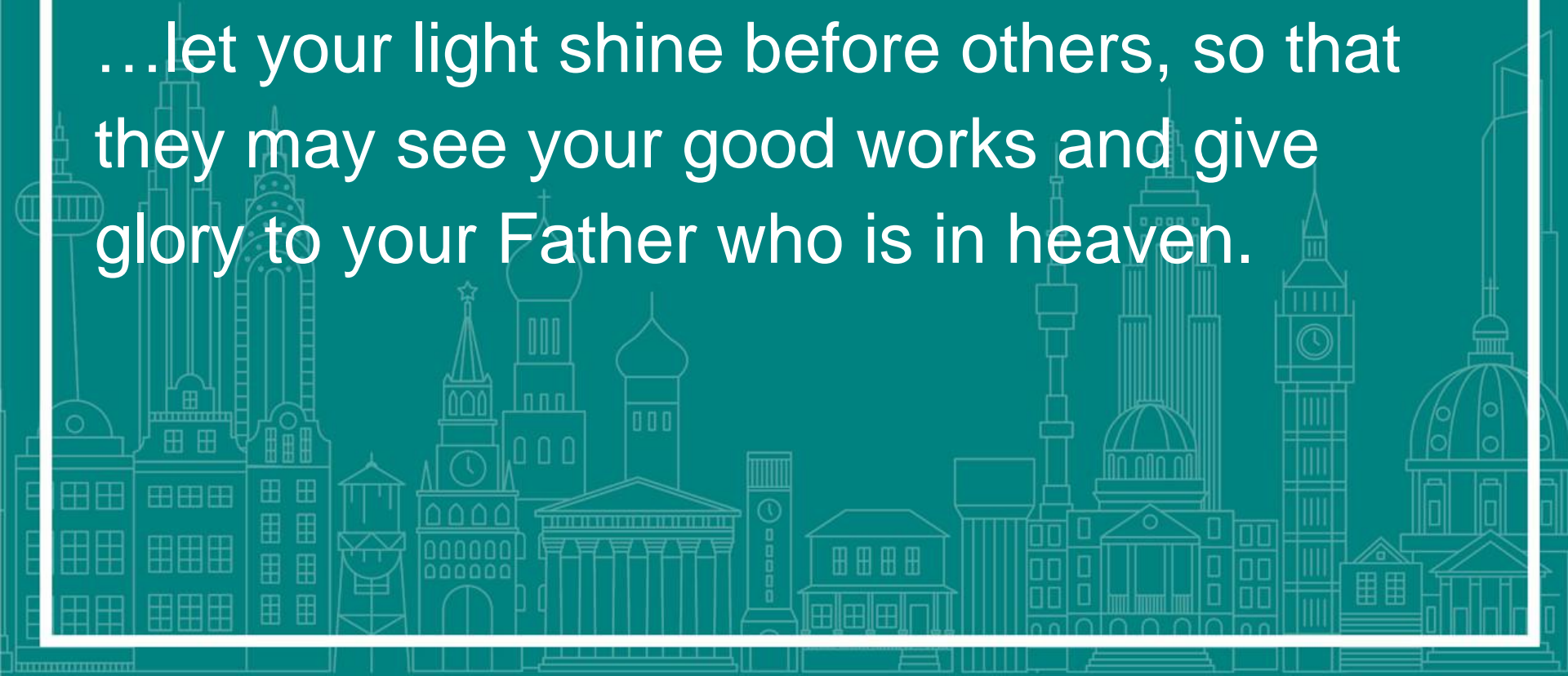
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2. Generosity is WITNESS



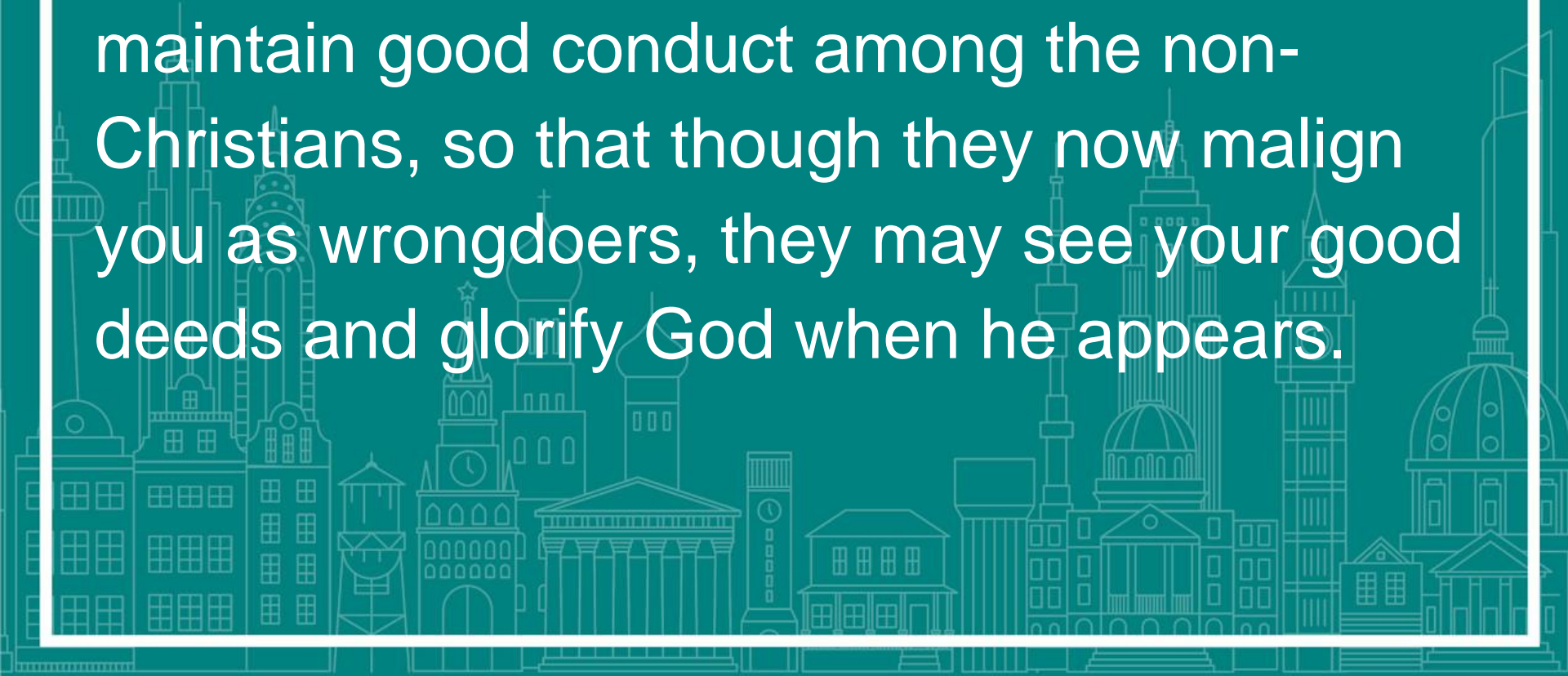
Matthew 5:16

...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.



1 Peter 2:12

maintain good conduct among the non-Christians, so that though they now malign you as wrongdoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God when he appears.



Luke 16:9

And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by how you use worldly wealth, so that when it runs out you will be welcomed into the eternal homes.



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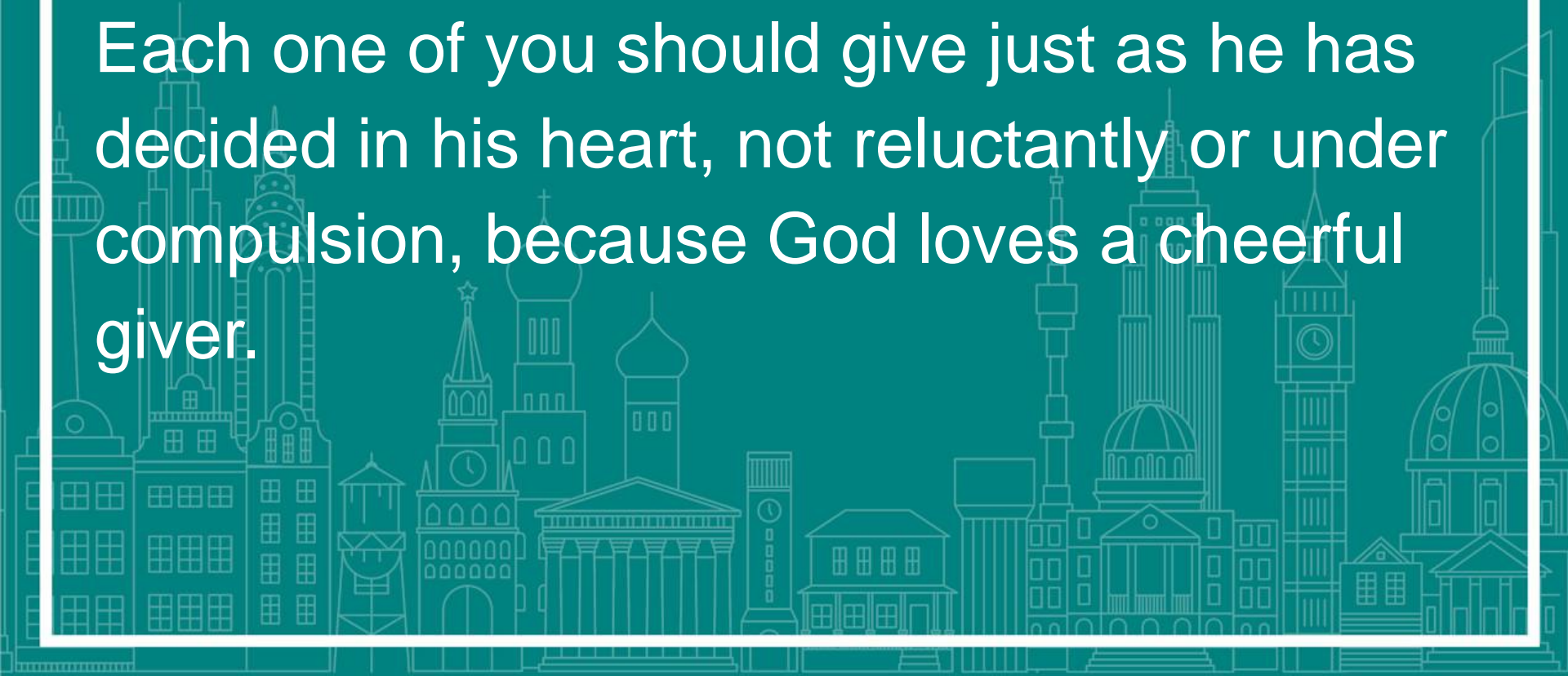


Acts 20:35

By all these things, I have shown you that by working in this way we must help the weak, and remember the words of the Lord Jesus that he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each one of you should give just as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, because God loves a cheerful giver.



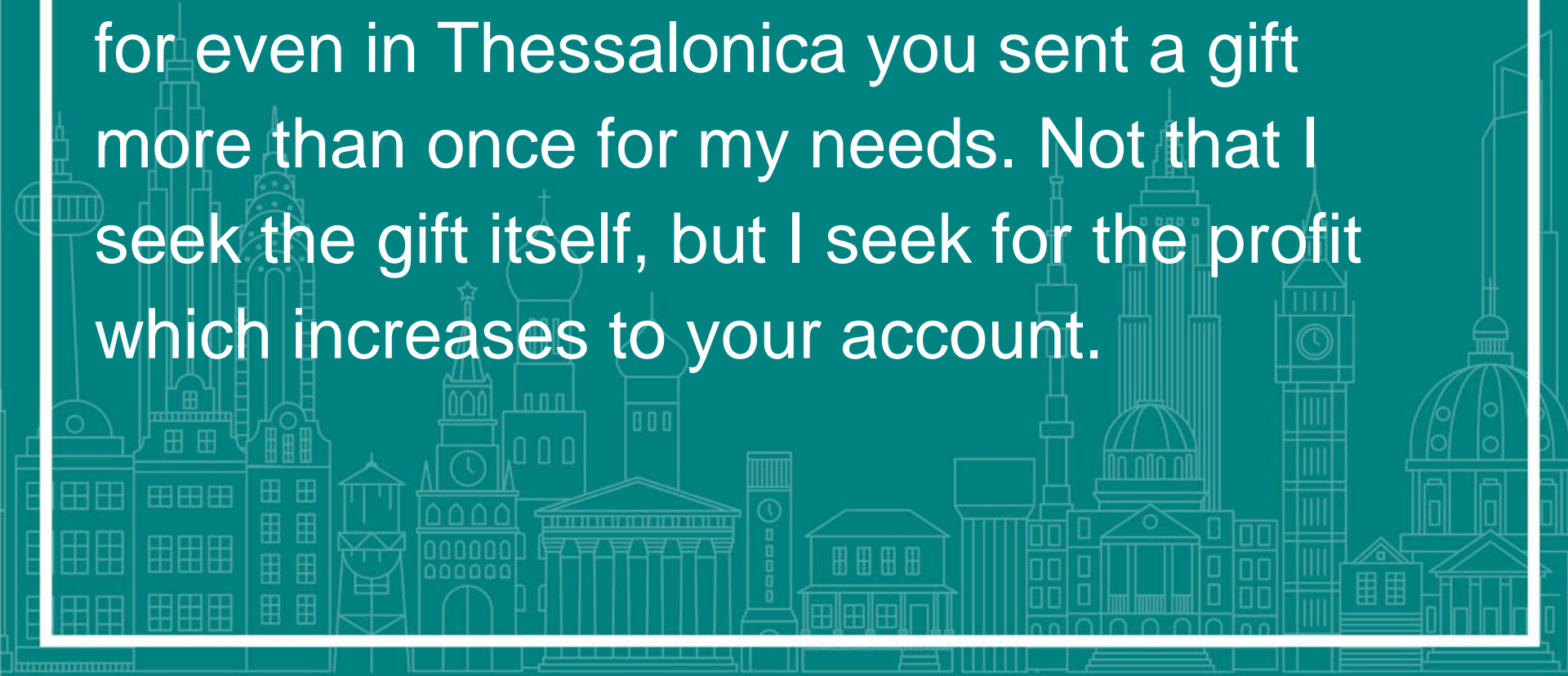
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Philippians 4:16-17

for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs. Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.



1 Corinthians 3:13-15

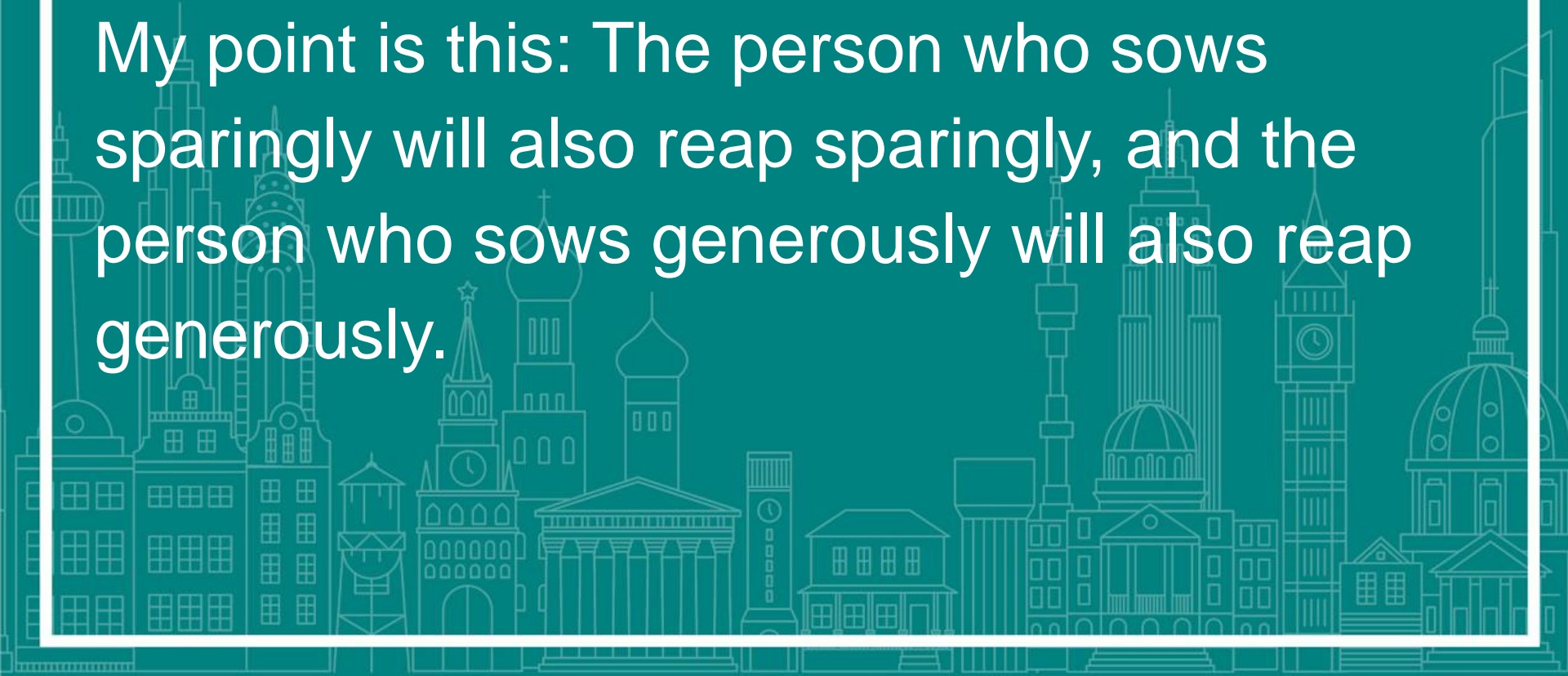
Each builder's work will be plainly seen, for the Day will make it clear, because it will be revealed by fire. And the fire will test what kind of work each has done. If what someone has built survives, he will receive a reward. If someone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss. He himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

Matthew 6:19-20

“Do not accumulate for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But accumulate for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.”

2 Corinthians 9:6

My point is this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously.

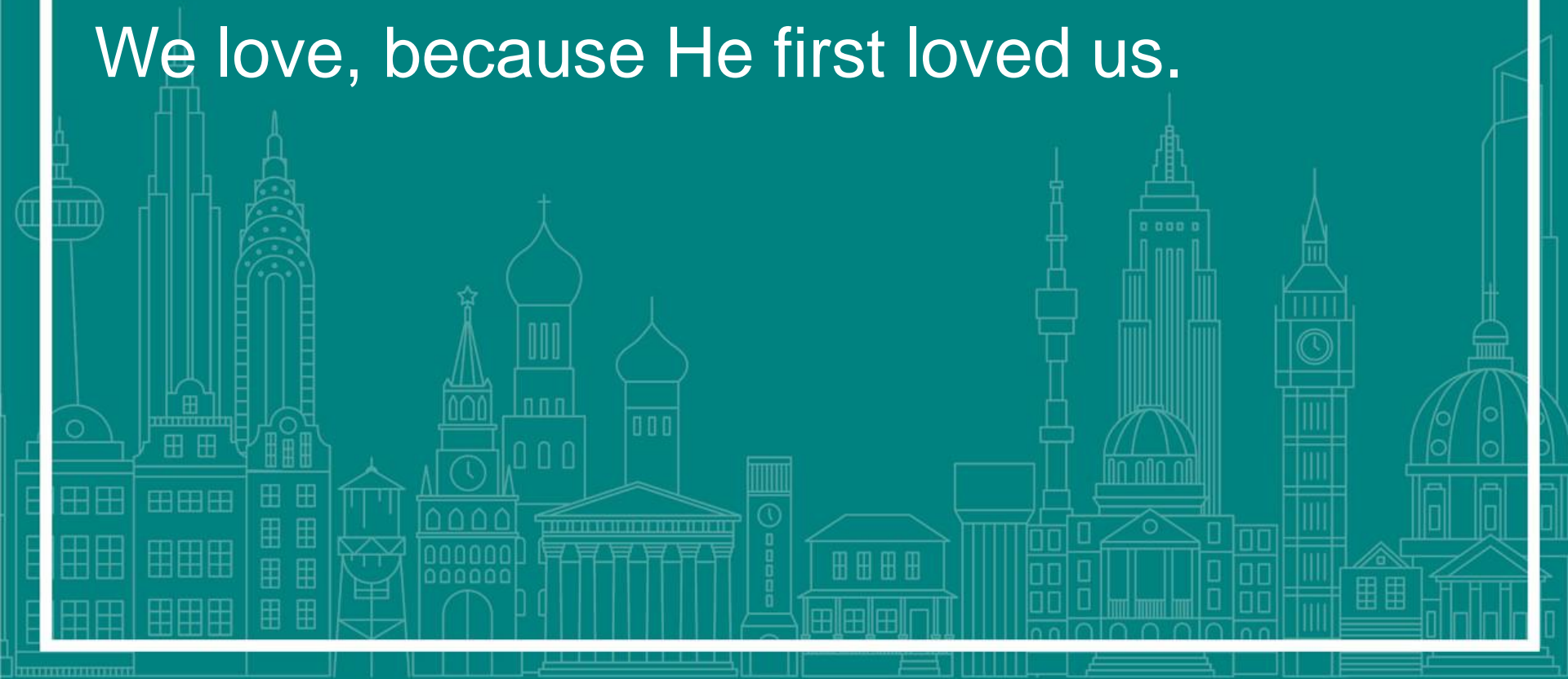


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5. Jesus was generous FIRST & MOST

1 John 4:19

We love, because He first loved us.



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