

# GENEROUS

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## Our Ways and His Way

### The four major reasons why people do not go to church:

4. They are afraid that the childcare is not \_\_\_\_\_.

3. They are afraid that people will be \_\_\_\_\_.

2. They believe they will be \_\_\_\_\_.

1. They believe that the pastor is only interested in their \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Habakkuk 1:2-4

*How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, Violence!" but you do not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. <sup>4</sup>Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.*

### What Gives?

1. God has the \_\_\_\_\_ to bless you.

#### Psalm 24:1

*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.*

2. God has the \_\_\_\_\_ to bless you.

#### Ephesians 3:20

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, **according to his power** that is at work within us.*

3. God has the \_\_\_\_\_ to bless you.

### Life's Converging Operations:

1. God is \_\_\_\_\_ you.

2. God is \_\_\_\_\_ you up.

3. God is using you to change your \_\_\_\_\_.

### John 9:2-3

His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

<sup>3</sup> "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him."

### Matthew 7:9-11

"Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you, then, **though you are evil**, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more** will your **Father in heaven** give **good gifts** to those who ask him!"

### Jeremiah 29:11-13

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me **when you seek me with all your heart.**"

We need to stop asking, "Why doesn't He?" and start asking, "Why \_\_\_\_\_ He?"

4. God has a \_\_\_\_\_ to bless you.

### Isaiah 55:8-9

"For **my thoughts** are not **your thoughts**, neither are **your ways my ways**," declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup> "As the heavens are higher than the earth, **so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.**"

## Our Ways:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ more.

### 1 Chronicles 4:9-10

**Jabez was more honorable than his brothers.** His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." <sup>10</sup> Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "**Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.**" And God granted his request.

### James 5:16

... The prayer of a **righteous** person is **powerful** and **effective**.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ more.

### Ecclesiastes 5:11-12

As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them?

<sup>12</sup> The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep.

## His Way:

1. Read the Bible \_\_\_\_\_.

### Lamentations 3:40

Let us examine our ways and test them, **and let us return to the Lord.**

2. Understand it \_\_\_\_\_.

### Luke 13:34

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, **and you were not willing.**"

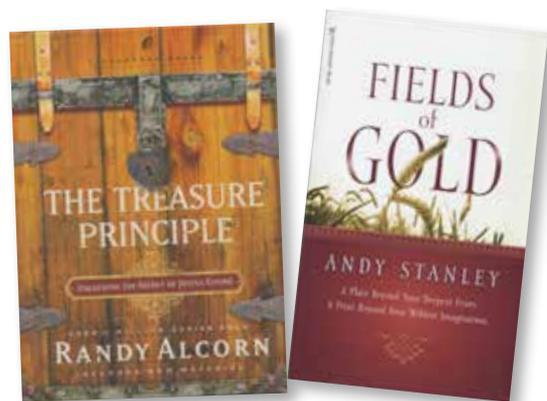
3. Do what it says \_\_\_\_\_.

### Proverbs 3:11

My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline and do not resent his rebuke.

As we live our lives responsibly, God reacts

\_\_\_\_\_!



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