

A person wearing a blue button-down shirt is holding an open, aged book. The book's pages are yellowed and show signs of wear. The person's hands are visible at the bottom of the frame, holding the book open. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue.

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The Story of a Little Man

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He was a chief tax collector and was rich.
And he was seeking to see who Jesus was,
but on account of the crowd he could not,
because he was small in stature.
So he ran on ahead and climbed up
into a sycamore tree to see him,
for he was about to pass that way.

And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.”

So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully.

And when they saw it, they all grumbled,

“He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.”

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There is no such thing as a Christian scrooge.

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We may know some scrooges
who claim to be Christians, but I don't think
you can claim to really know Christ
and be a stingy person.

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All I once held dear, built my life upon
All this world reveres, and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now, compared to this

Knowing you, Jesus
Knowing you, there is no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord

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The more you understand who Jesus is
and what He has done for you,
the more generous you become...

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I fear there are many hearing me
who now know they are not Christians
because they do not love to give.

To give largely and liberally, not grudging at all,
requires a new heart. An old heart would rather
part with its lifeblood than its money.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
For you tithe mint and dill and cumin,
and have neglected the weightier matters of the law:
justice and mercy and faithfulness.

(Matthew 23:23 ESV)

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate,
but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

(Matthew 23:25 ESV)

And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

(Acts 2:44-45 ESV)

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

(Ephesians 4:28 ESV)

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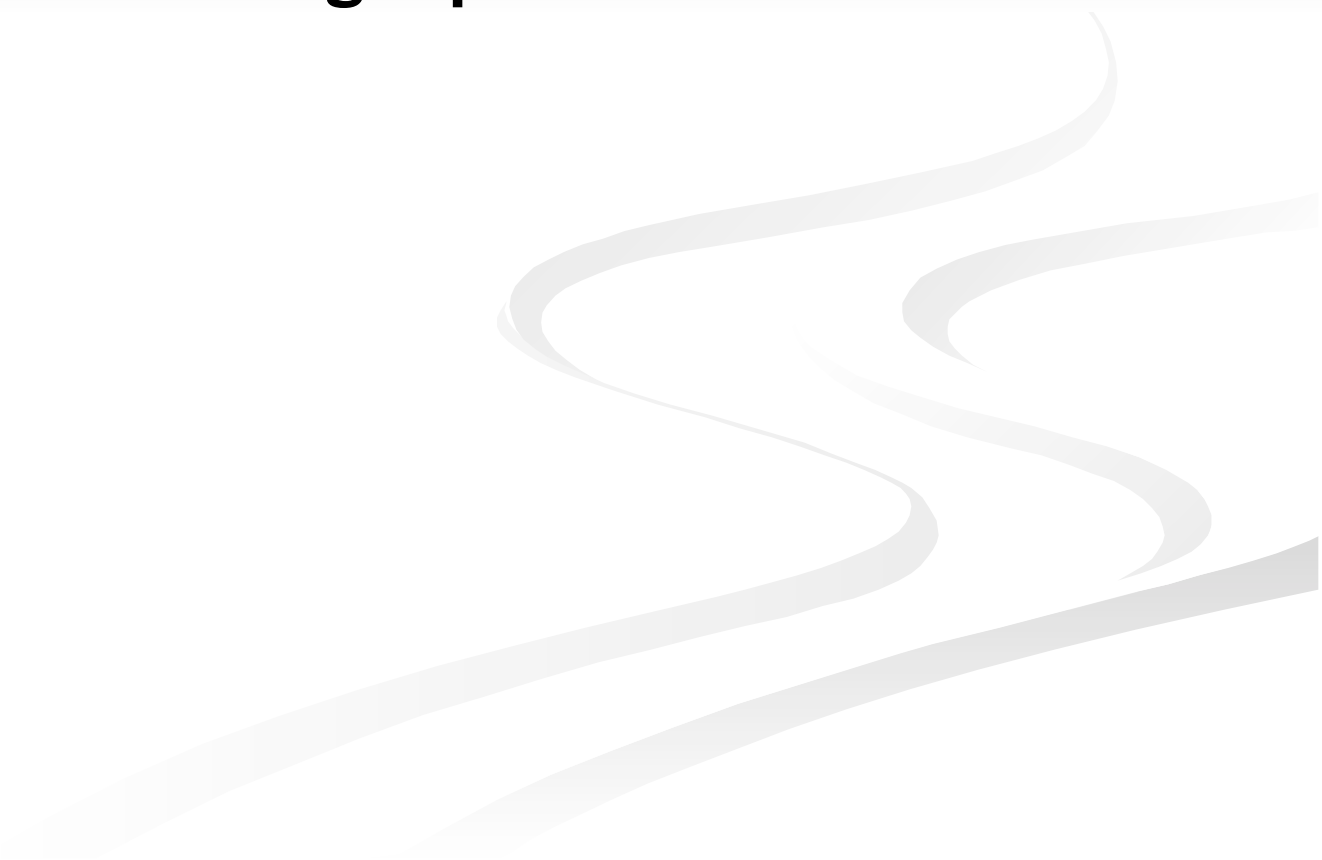
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