

...put on the new self, created to be like
God in true righteousness and holiness!
Ephesians 4:24

OLD LIFE

- Self-centered
- Resentment and fighting
- Harsh and fearful
- Powerless
- Lacking solutions
- Lonely
- Poor and needy
- Holding grudges
- Waiting for rescue

NEW LIFE

- Consider God and others
- Welcoming and forgiving
- Tender and secure
- Hopeful with joy
- Trusting and obeying
- Loved
- Generous
- Forgiving and forgetting
- Reaching out to bless

⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:6-9 NIV)

GENEROUS FATHER OF PRODIGAL SON

SON

- Selfish
- Inconsiderate
- Greedy
- Wasteful
- Lazy



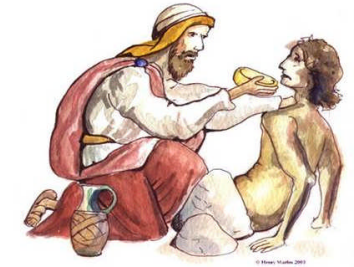
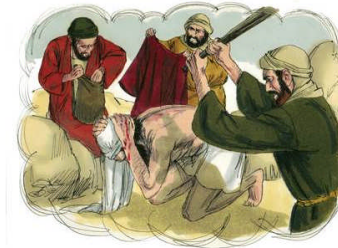
FATHER

- Kind
- Welcoming
- Forgiving
- Generous
- Restoring
- Unconditional love

Who Do Gracious People Help?

Traveller left to die by roadside
Thieves beat and steal
Busy people pass by
Important people don't want to be bothered

Kind stranger stops to help
Unfairly judged Samaritan offers assistance
Thoughtful man takes time to get injured to help
Generous man pays out of his own pocket for medical help



Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

(Matthew 22:37-40 NLT)

Gracious Living Inventory

 <p>1. What does gracious living look like for me?</p>	 <p>2. Have I allowed the generosity of God's care for me to flow over into my relationship with others?</p>	 <p>3. As God has been kind and forgiving with me, have I, in turn, been that way with others?</p>	 <p>4. As God has chosen to forget all the wrongs I've done, am I now choosing to do the same with my family and friends?</p>	 <p>5. As God makes Himself available to bless me today with grace and tenderness, am I doing the same for everyone I meet?</p>	 <p>6. How has my attitude, my reactions, and my behaviour towards others changed because of my receiving God's unconditional love?</p>
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A PRAYER FOR HELP TO LIVE WITH GRACE TODAY

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the lovely grace you have already poured into my life even when I didn't know who you were.

Help me to walk closely with you today and listen carefully to what you are saying to me. Speak to me through your word. Speak to me in my spirit through your Holy Spirit. Speak to me through trusted counsellors. I need your guidance. I will listen to your loving voice. I will follow your instruction.

Give me a thankful heart to receive all you have for me. Help me to walk with others in a way that will encourage and build them up in their faith in you. Let me be a witness to all you have done in my life. Thank you that you will never leave or forsake me. I'm so grateful I belong to you. Amen



The Lord
bless you
and keep you
The Lord
make his face
to shine upon you
and be gracious to you
The Lord
lift up his countenance
upon you
and give you peace

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Living Graciously



All of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will bless you for it.

(1 Peter 3:8-9 NLT)