



WHERE SHOULD I GIVE?

BENEFITS OF GIVING

People who are GENEROUS:

1. Are happier, healthier, have lower levels of depression & anxiety.
2. Are more interested in personal growth, have better relationships.
3. Have longer life expectancy and literally laugh more!

H I S W O R D S

...‘IT IS MORE BLESSED
TO GIVE THAN TO
RECEIVE.’

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2.2 BILLION CHILDREN
IN THE WORLD

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CHILDREN LIVE
IN POVERTY



1 IN 3
640 MILLION

CHILDREN LIVE WITHOUT
ADEQUATE SHELTER



1 IN 5
400 MILLION

CHILDREN LIVE WITHOUT
ACCESS TO SAFE WATER

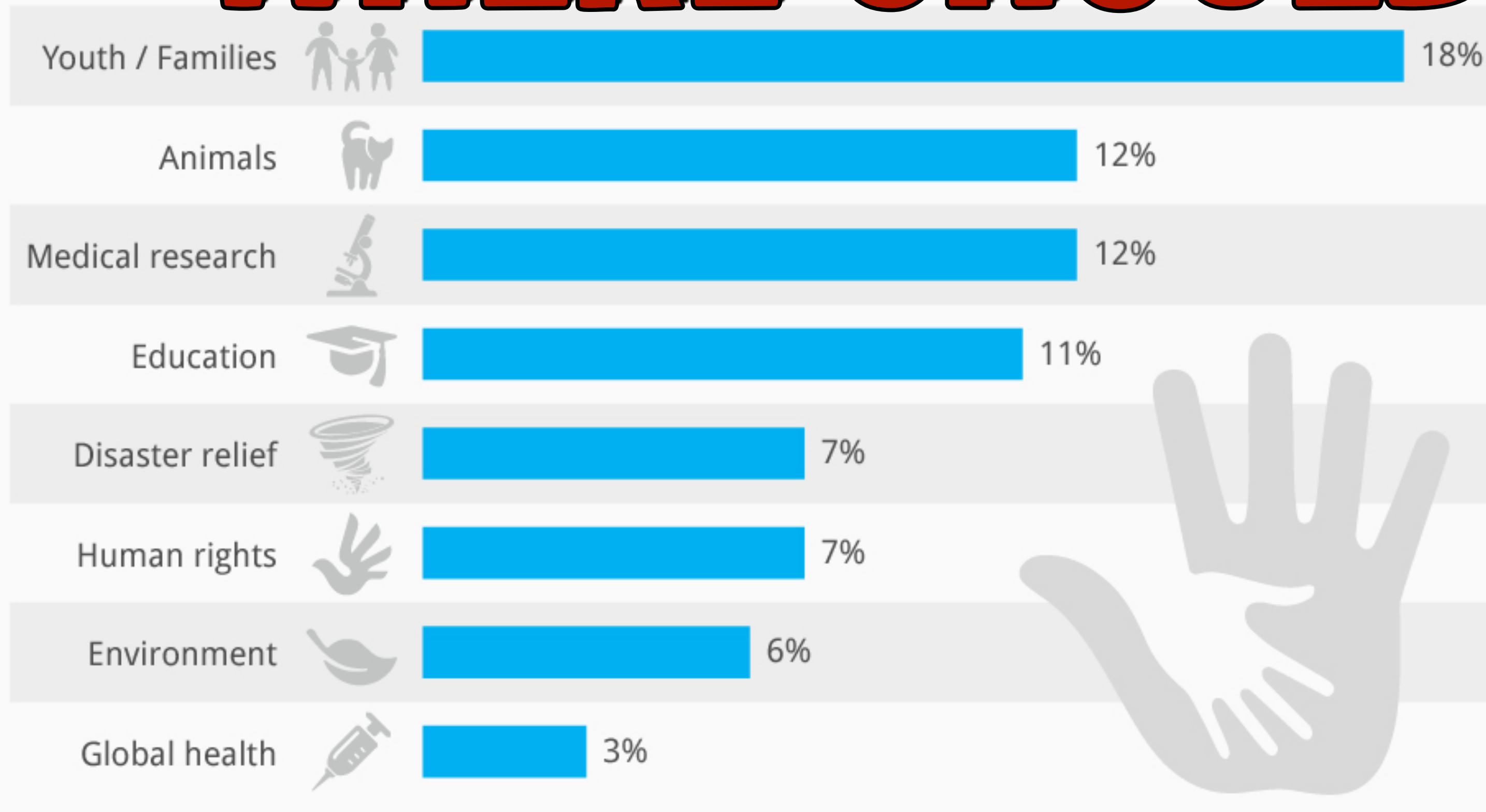


1 IN 7
270 MILLION

CHILDREN LIVE WITH NO
ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES



WHERE SHOULD WE GIVE?



THE CHURCH

THE LEVITE TITHE

10% every year except every 7th year

What the Israelites gave:
Cattle, livestock, grains, fruits, & vegetables



What the Israelites got:
Protection from God's wrath, replacements for Temple service, people devoted to teaching the Law, protection from avengers of blood



The Levite tithe was given, in full, to the Levites. Since they were given no inheritance and the burden of maintaining the ritual purity of the Temple was theirs, the tithe was their compensation.
Leviticus 27:30-33; Numbers 18:20-24, 30-32; 2 Chronicles 31:4-6

THE CHARITY TITHE

10% every 3rd year within 7 year cycle

What the Israelites gave:
Cattle, livestock, grains, fruits, & vegetables



What the Israelites got:
Provisions for the Levites, Provisions for the fatherless, Provisions for the widows, Provisions for the strangers & the poor.

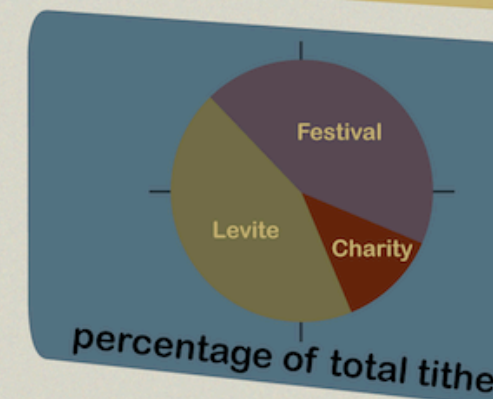
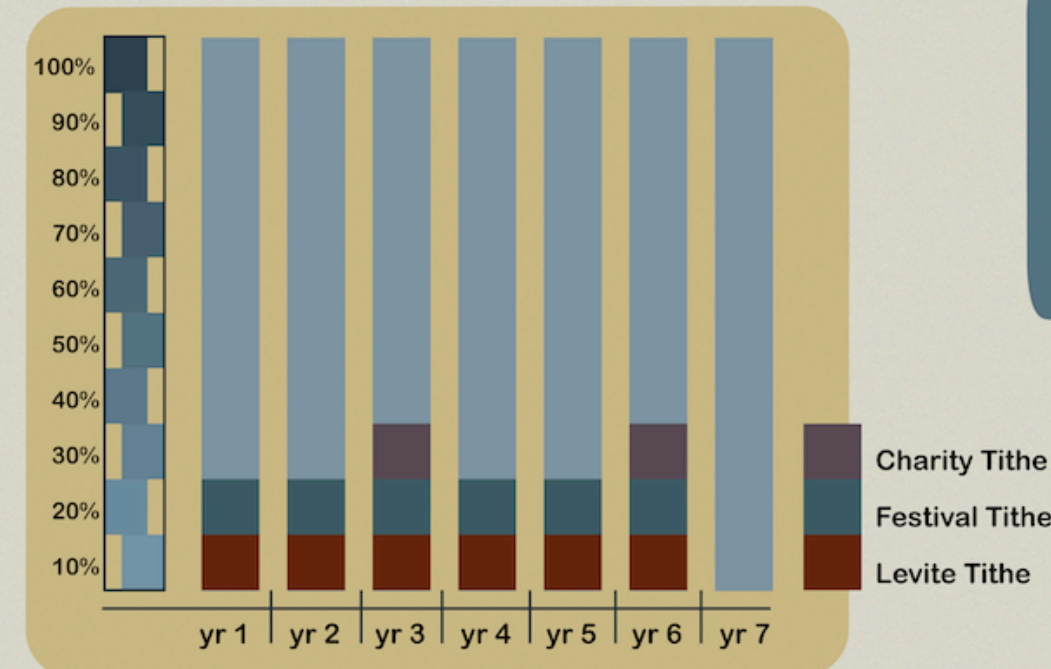


The final tithe, the Charity tithe, was meant to look after the less fortunate in the Israelite society. The Charity tithe was meant to be gathered in each town at a local storehouse and distributed to those as they had need. This was one of the Israelite's social safety nets.

Deuteronomy 14:28-29, Deuteronomy 26:12-16

HOW THE TITHES BREAK DOWN

Tithes per year



20%

is the average percentage paid to tithing over a 7 year period in the Old Testament

THE FESTIVAL TITHE

10% every year except every 7th year

What the Israelites gave:
Cattle, livestock, grains, fruits, & vegetables



What the Israelites got:
A feast at the Temple, A vacation from everyday life, A time of rejoicing, Provisions for the Levites & the poor.



The Festival tithe was the property of the Israelites. It was to be taken every year to the Temple and consumed by each participant. It was a time of vacation, celebration, and a way to rejoice for all that God had given. The Israelites were also required to share this tithe with the Levites & poor so that all could rejoice.

Deuteronomy 12:4-19, Deuteronomy 14:22-27, Deuteronomy 26:10-11

So the tithing system was used to keep the Temple area ritually pure, keep the wrath of God from the people, keep teachers of the Law employed, keep justice available for all, open up vacation time for people to enjoy what God had given them, and help the poor to enjoy vacation times themselves, and keep those in need well nourished.

“Don’t you realize that those who work in the temple **get their meals from the offerings** brought to the temple? And those who serve at the altar **get a share of the sacrificial offerings**. In the same way, the Lord ordered that those who preach the Good News **should be supported by those who benefit from it.**”

1 Corinthians 9:13-14

THE POOR



“All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had... There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.”

Acts 4:32, 34-35


THE GOSPEL



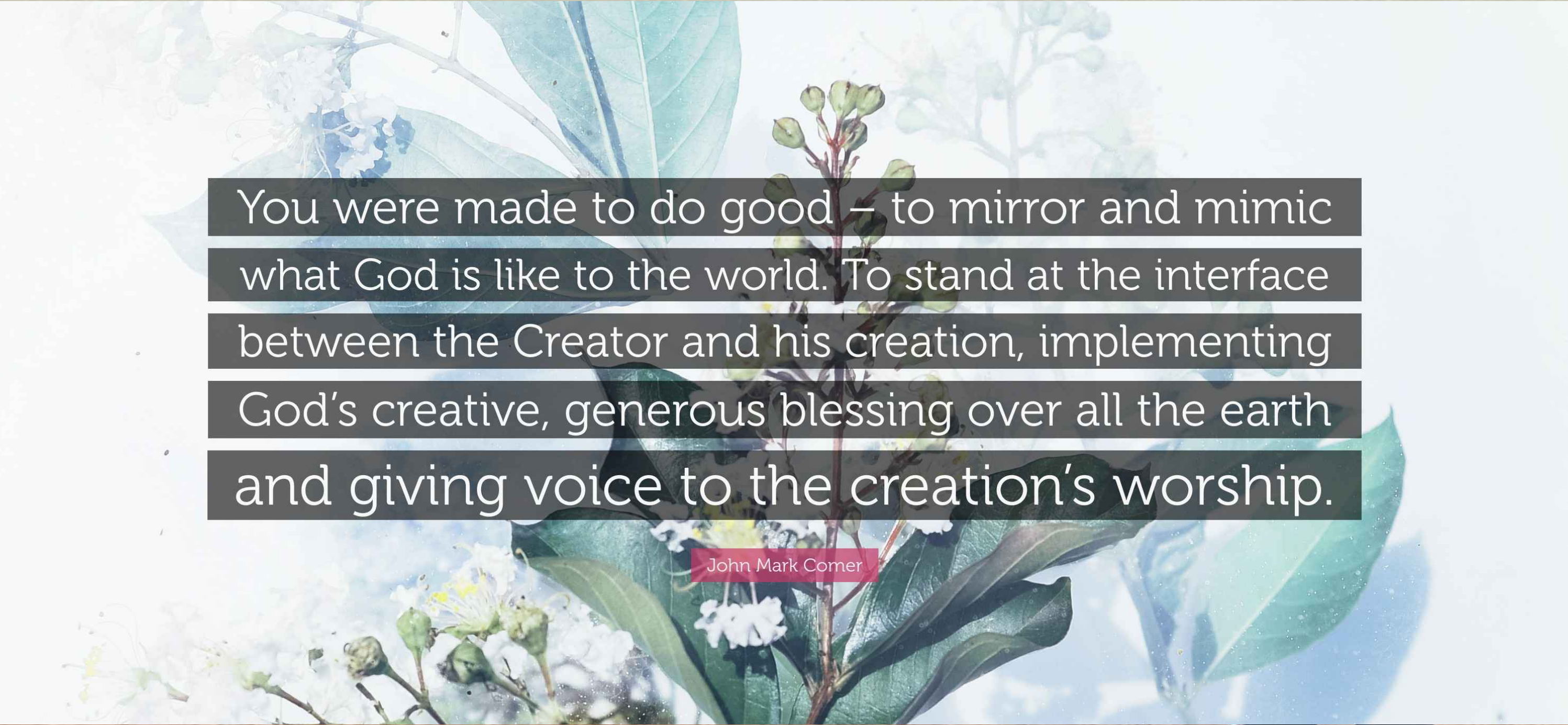
“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” But **how can they call on Him** to save them unless they believe in Him? And **how can they believe in Him** if they have never heard about Him? And **how can they hear about Him** unless someone tells them? And **how will anyone go** and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”

- Romans 10:13-15 -

GENEROUS EVERYWHERE



Generous God
Generous People



You were made to do good – to mirror and mimic what God is like to the world. To stand at the interface between the Creator and his creation, implementing God's creative, generous blessing over all the earth and giving voice to the creation's worship.

John Mark Comer

“Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and **not to trust in their money**, which is so unreliable. Their **trust should be in God**, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be **rich in good works** and **generous to those in need**, always being **ready to share with others.**”

1 Timothy 6:17-18