

In our 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Paul encourages us “to conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.” And how is that? We just heard it proclaimed in the Gospel: “to be generous as God is generous.”

The root of the word GENEROUS means OF NOBLE BIRTH. Created in the image and likeness of God we are of noble birth.

Each of us is a beloved daughter or a beloved son of God. Therefore, it is of our nature to be generous. That’s the GOOD NEWS!

Our Gospel reflects the generosity of the landowner. The entire parable is about God’s generosity...which is beyond fairness or justice or equality.

How do the readings connect with us?

We can be generous with our time, talent and treasure as faithful stewards. We can be generous in kindness, compassion and caring. We can be generous in patience, forgiveness and tolerance.

As a youngster, in the summer Mom was generous on occasion by letting us kids go out and play after breakfast. That was before we did the dishes. What a wonderful treat!

In high school, the Assistant Pastor let my brother, Tom, and me use his car to go and visit friends in Midland. That was generous.

The GOOD NEWS today: God is generous. Always and everywhere. We daily receive of God’s goodness and generosity. Like God, we can be generous. It is a choice we can make again and again.

My sisters and brothers: When we are generous, we are “conducting ourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.”