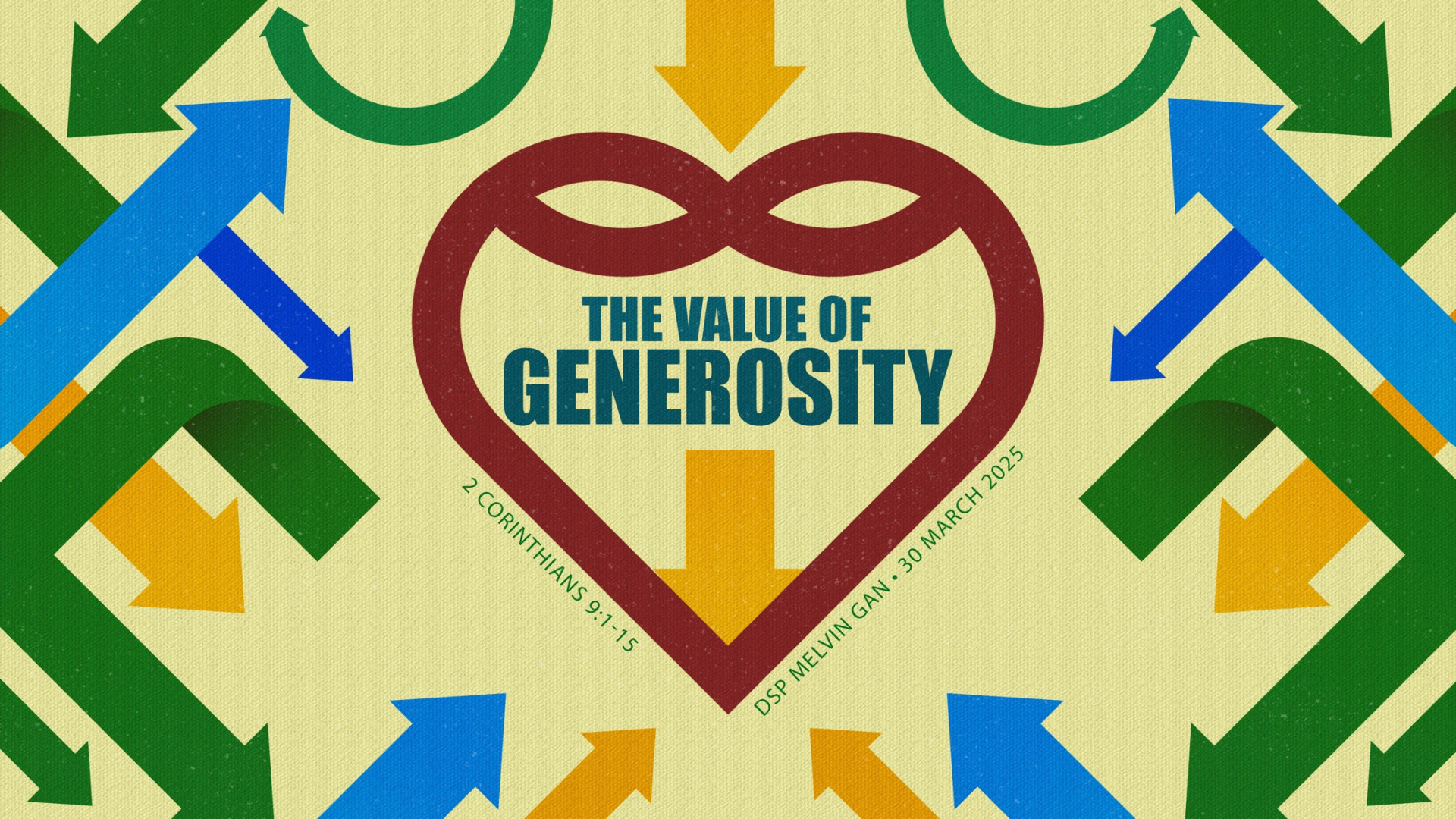
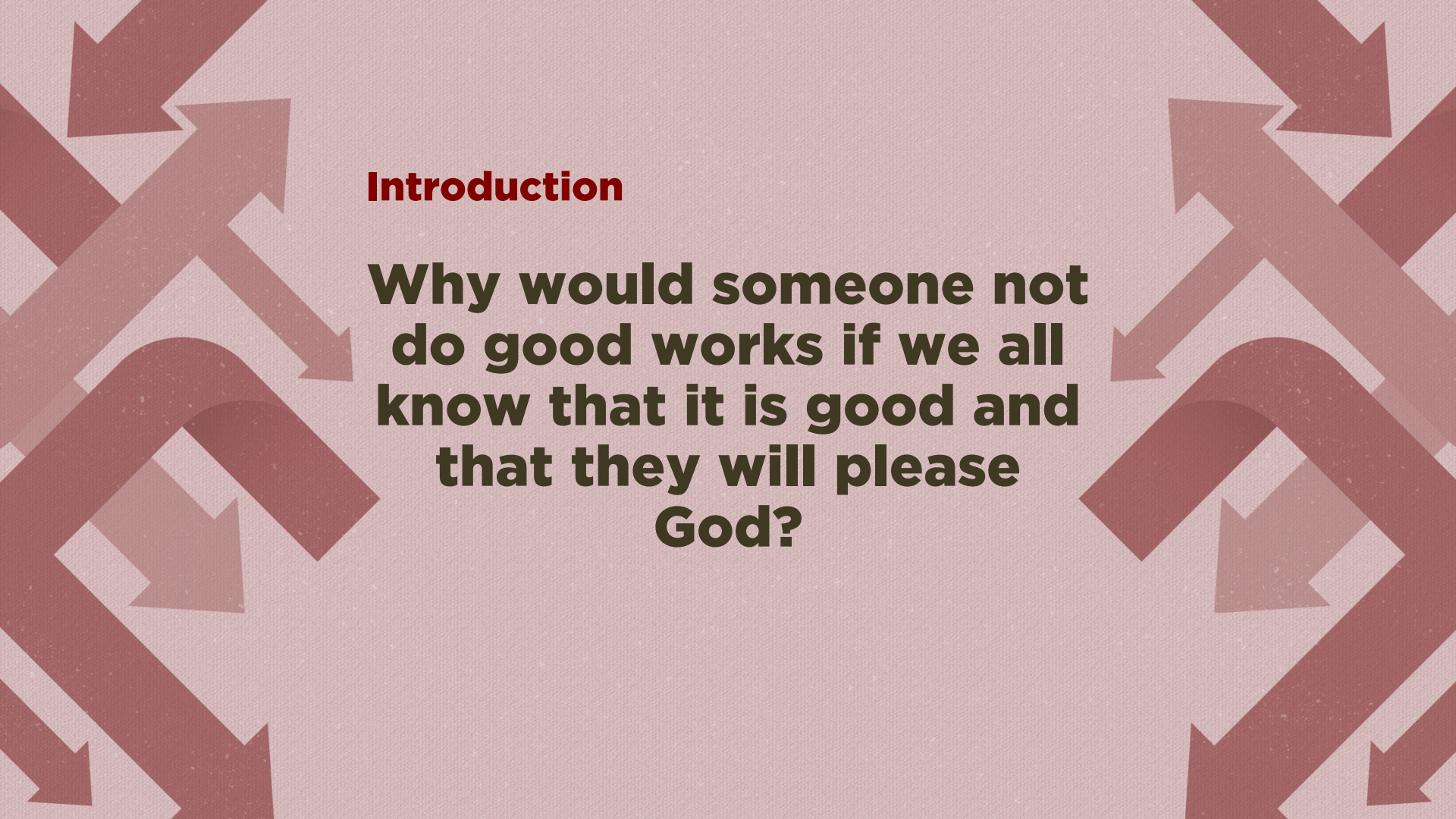




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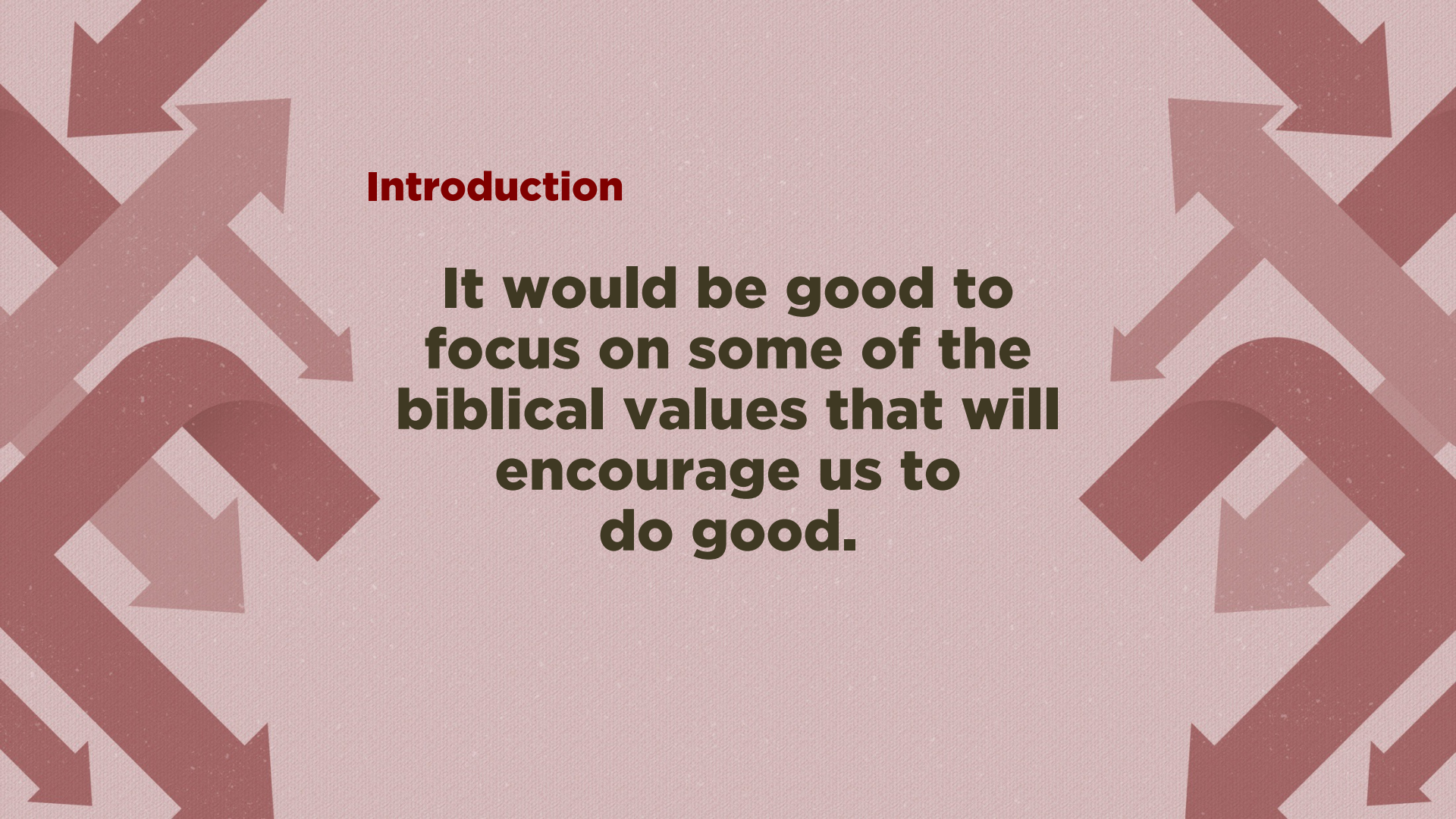
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Introduction

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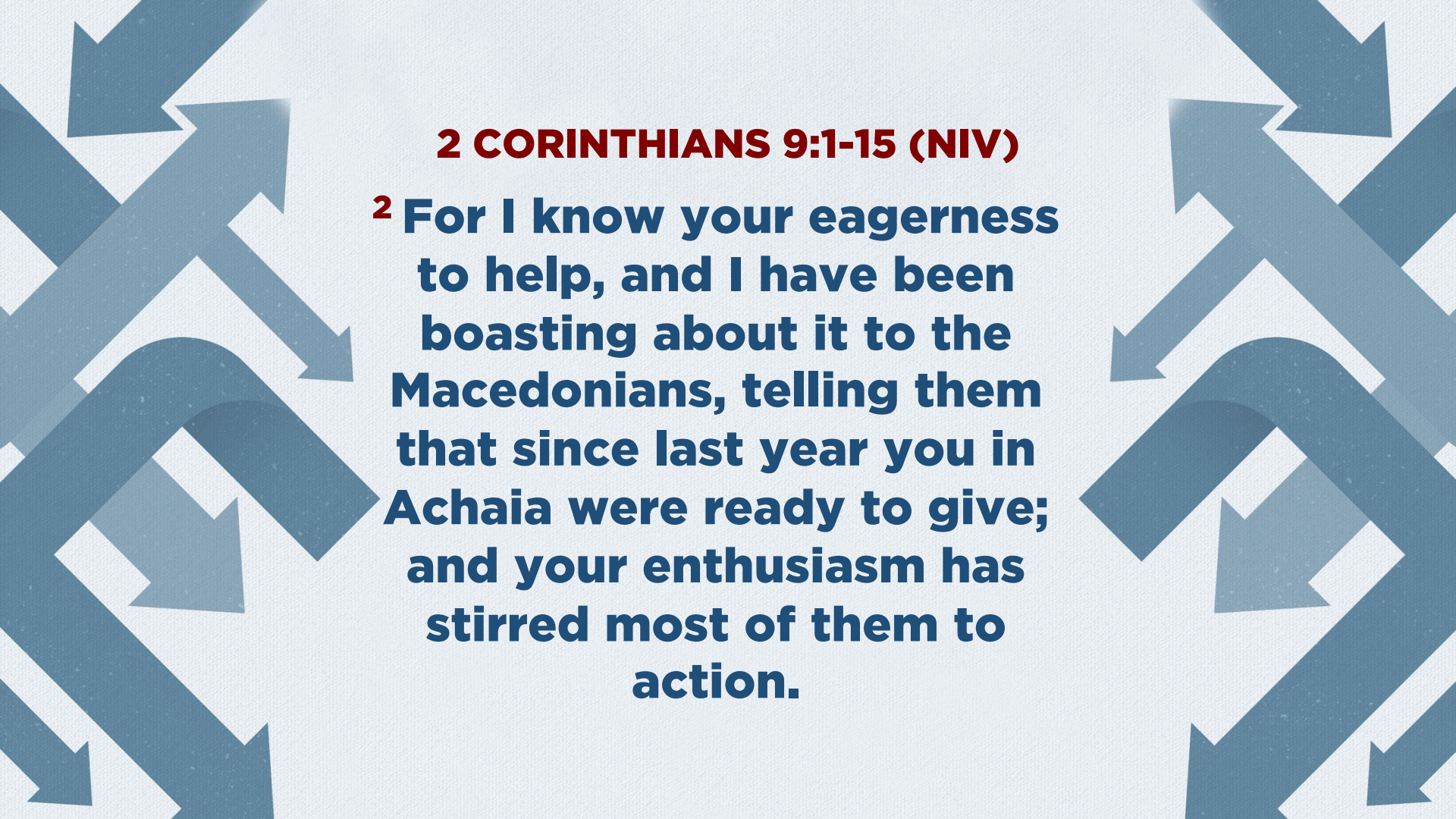


Introduction

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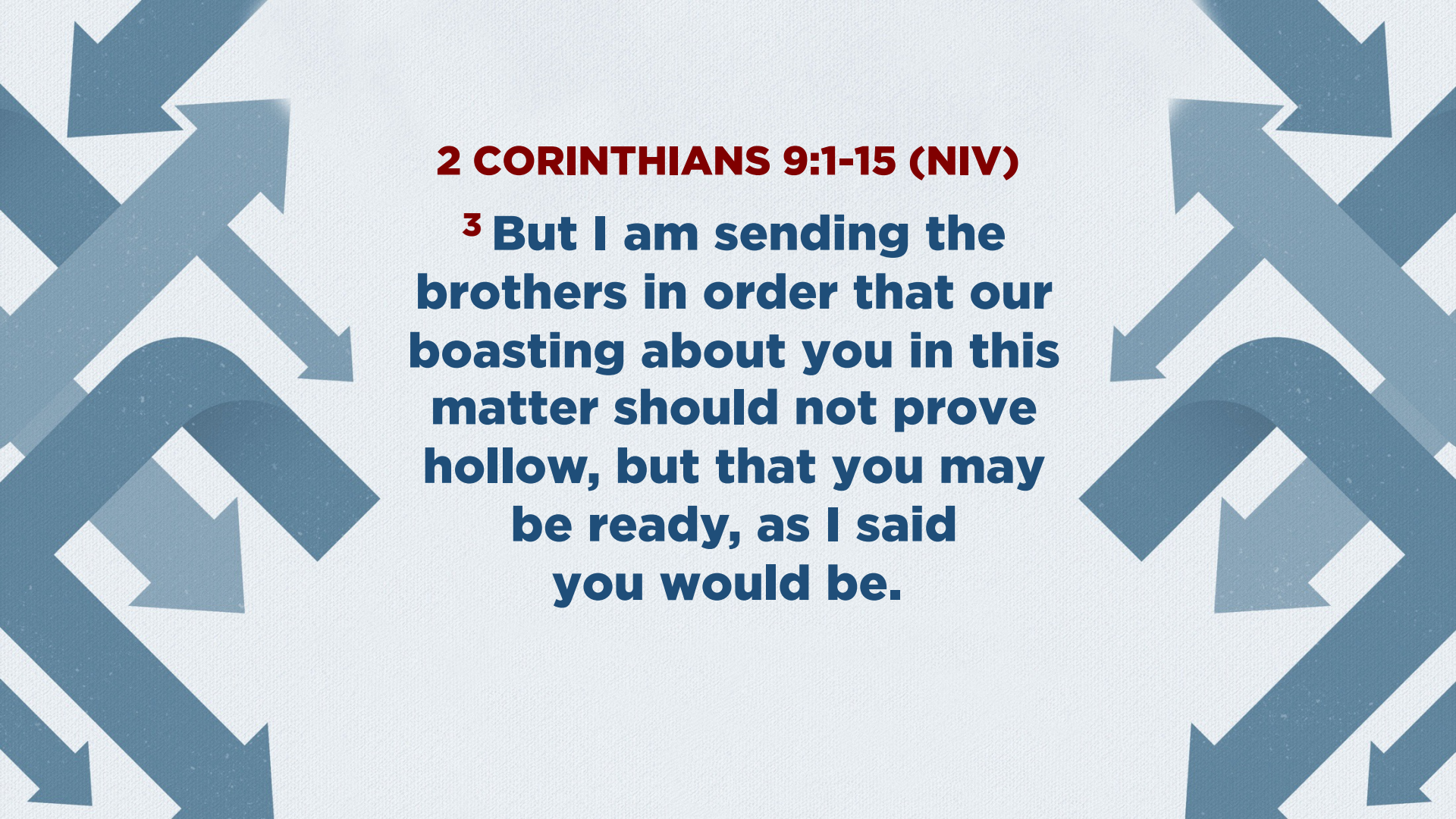
2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-15 (NIV)

**There is no need for me
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2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-15 (NIV)

2 For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action.



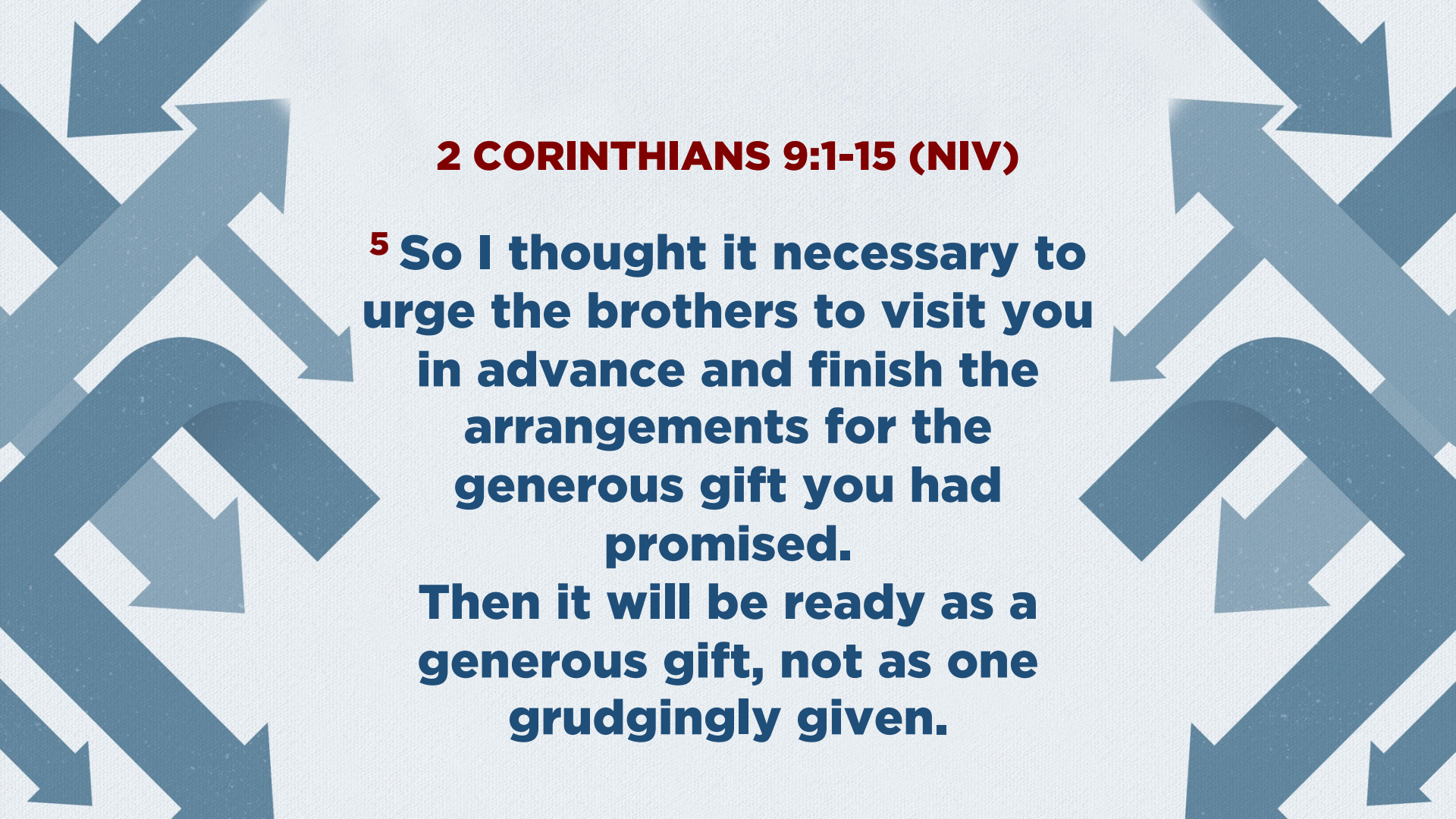
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³ But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you in this matter should not prove hollow, but that you may be ready, as I said you would be.



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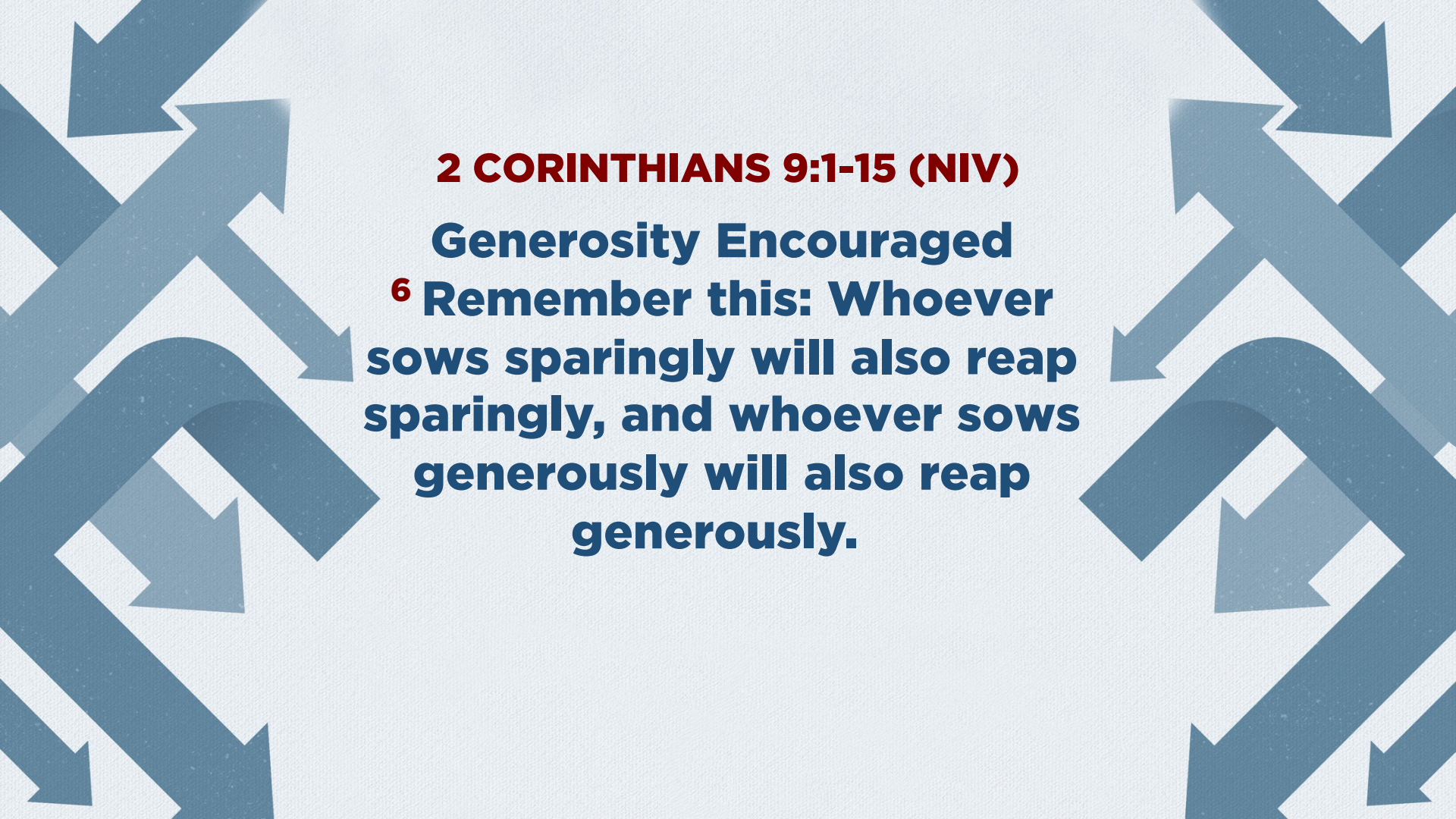
4 For if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we - not to say anything about you - would be ashamed of having been so confident.



2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-15 (NIV)

5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised.

Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.



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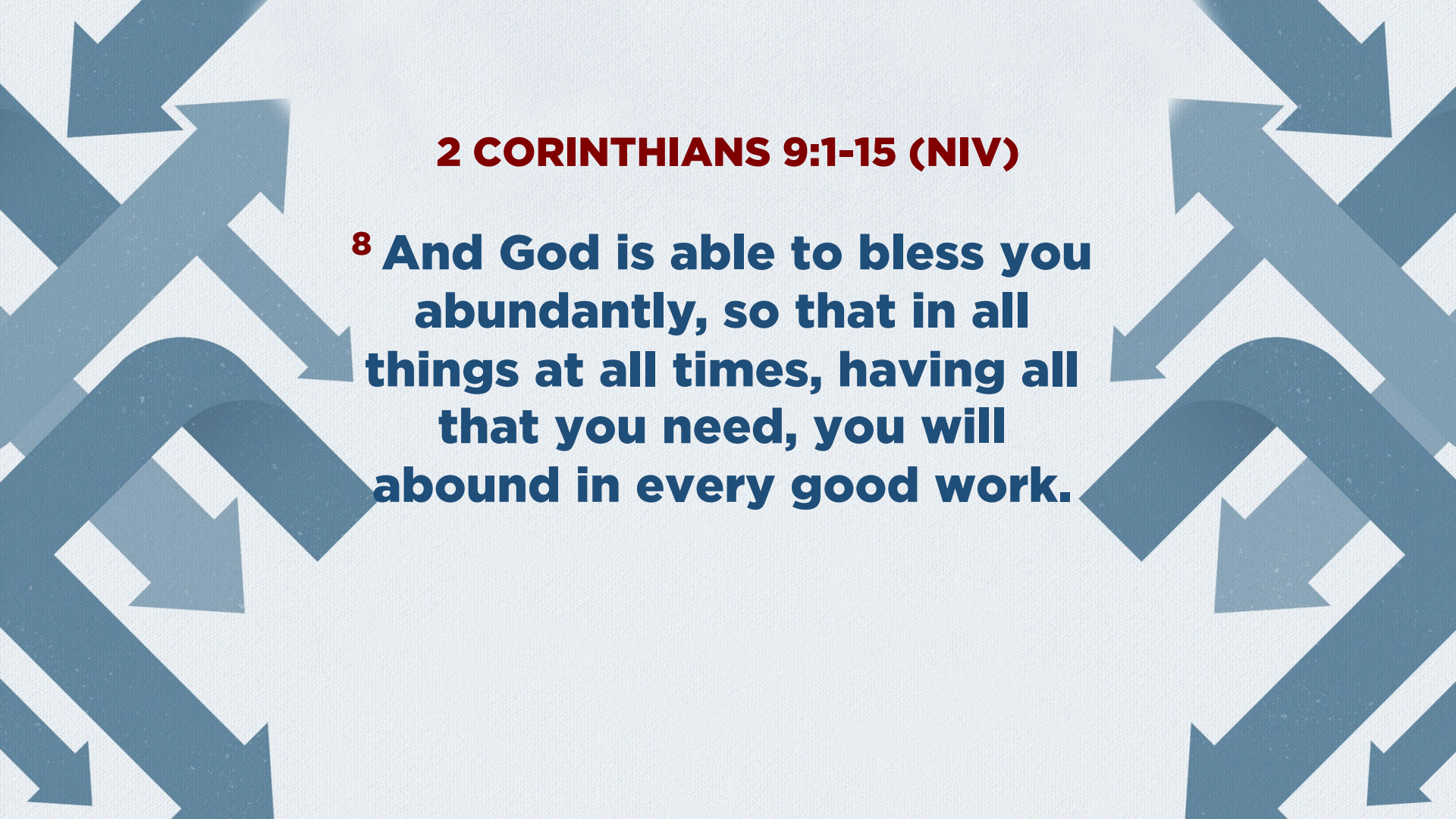
Generosity Encouraged

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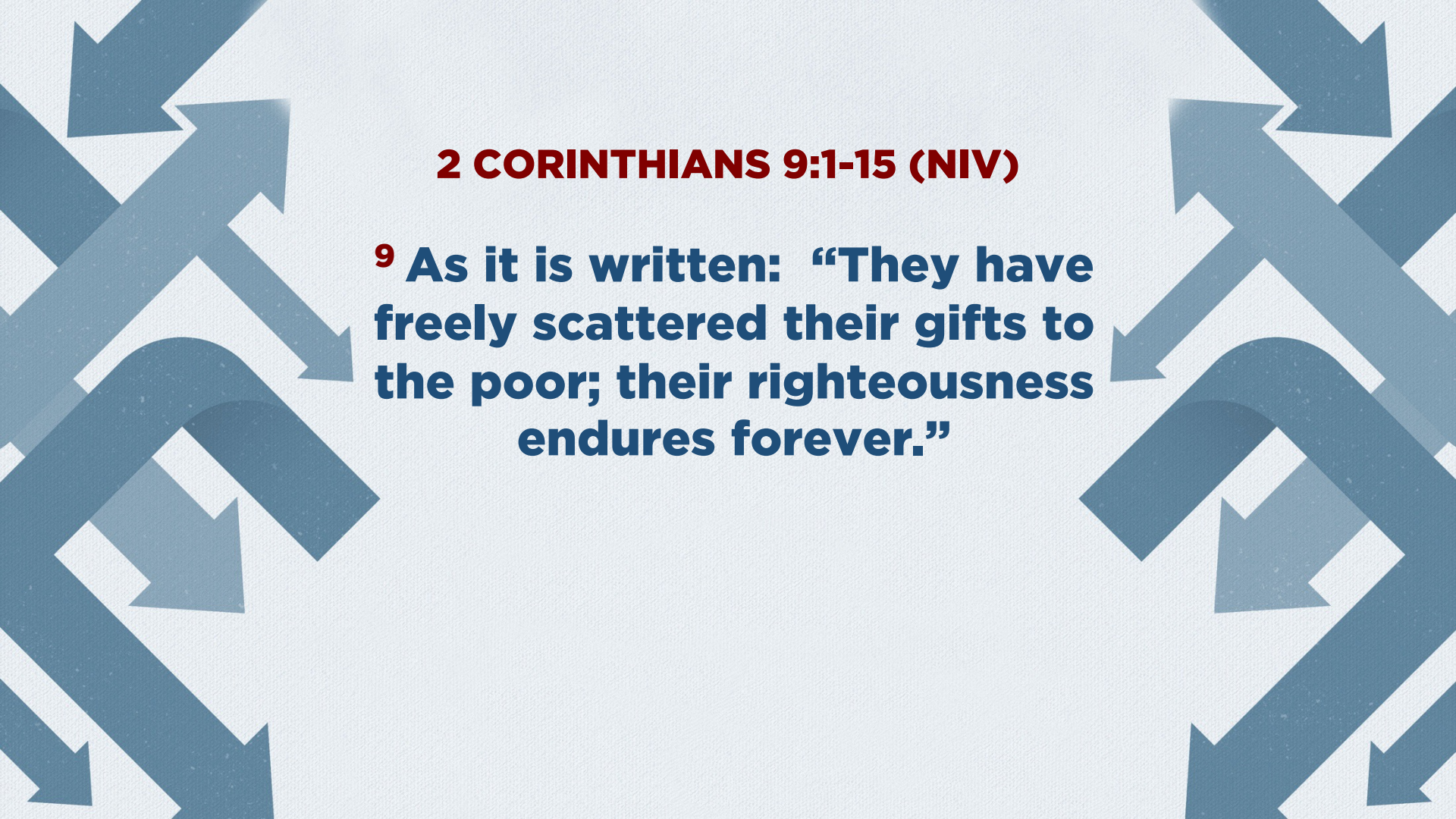
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7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-15 (NIV)

8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.



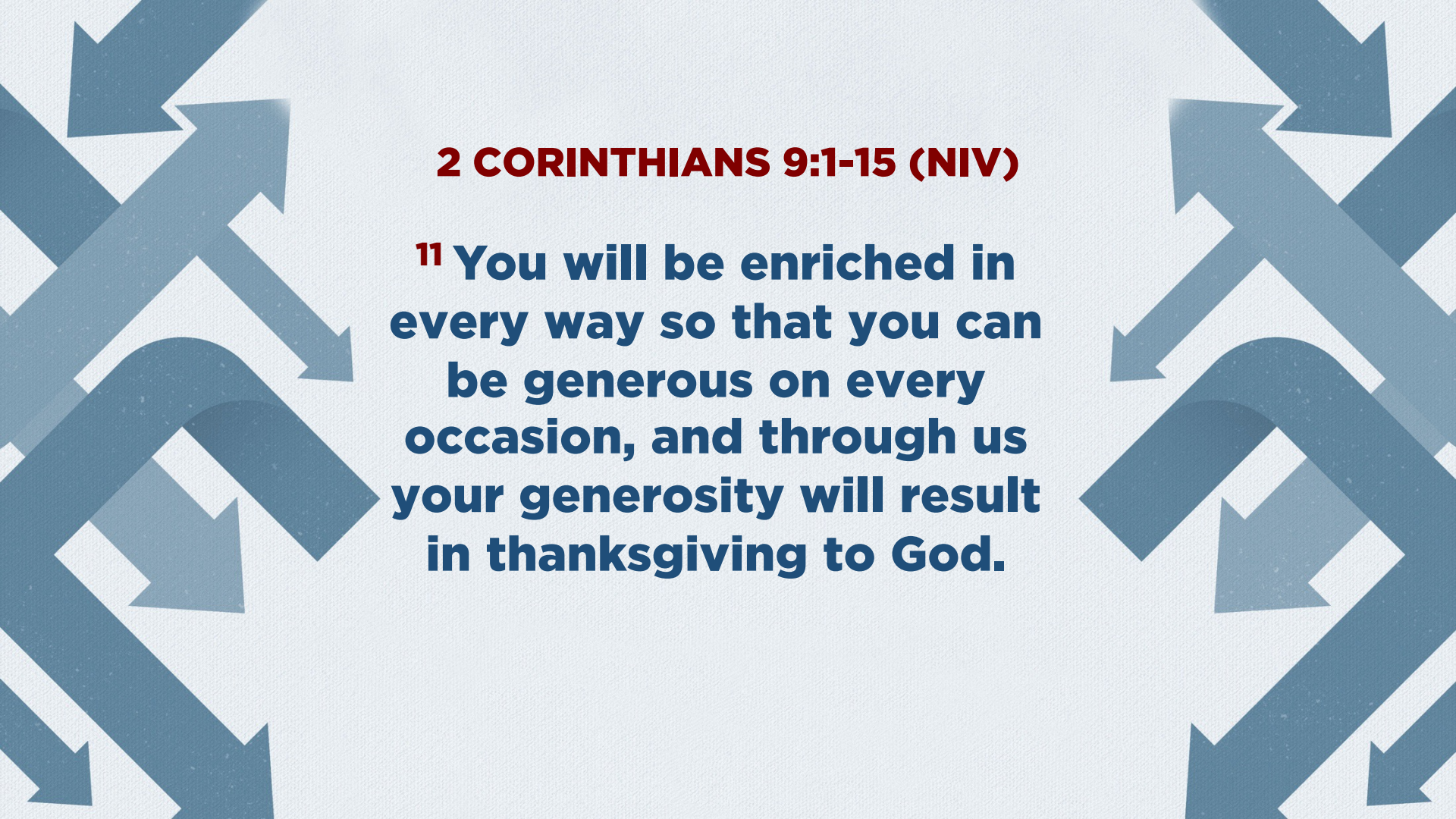
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9 As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”



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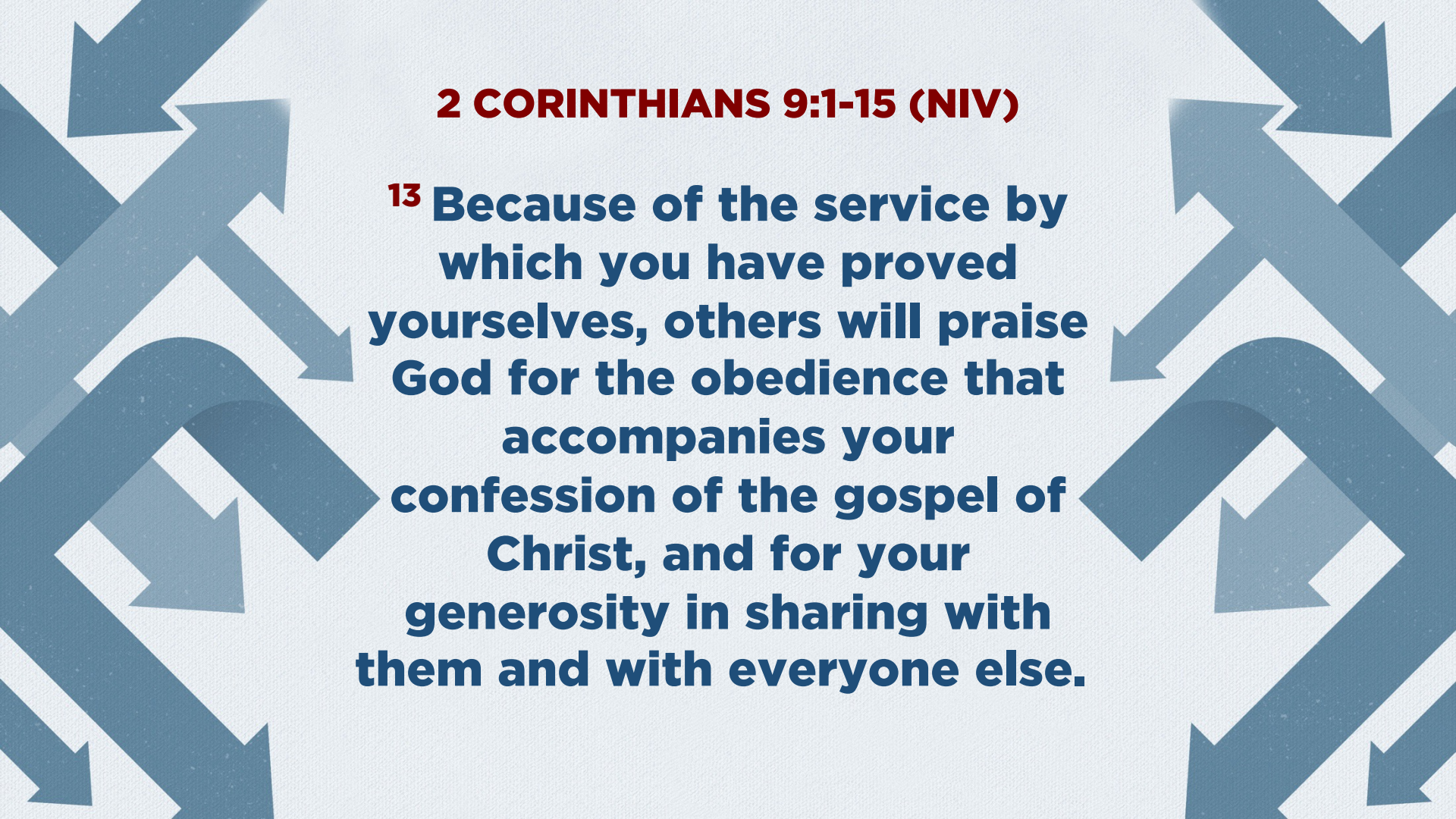
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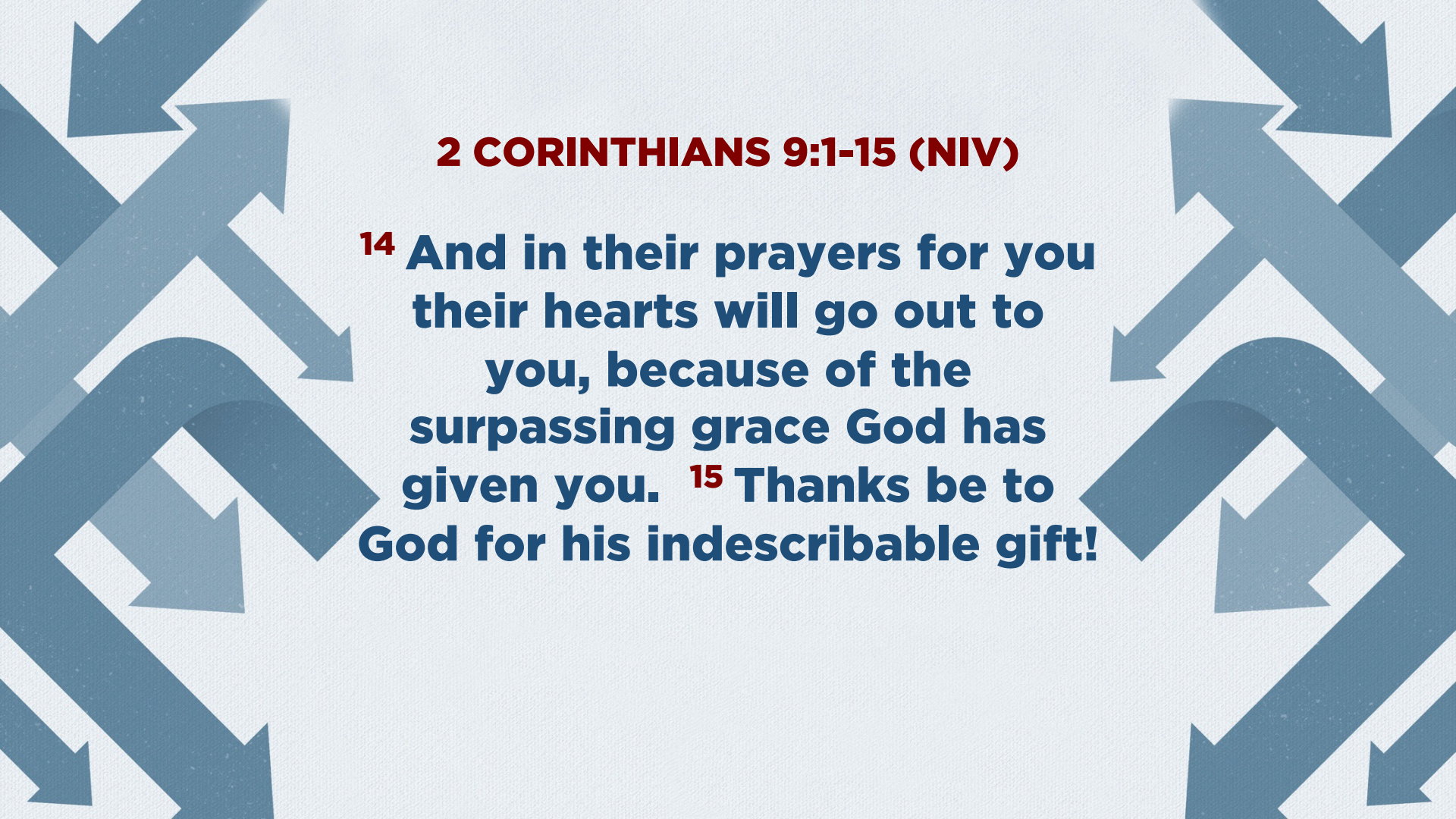
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12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.



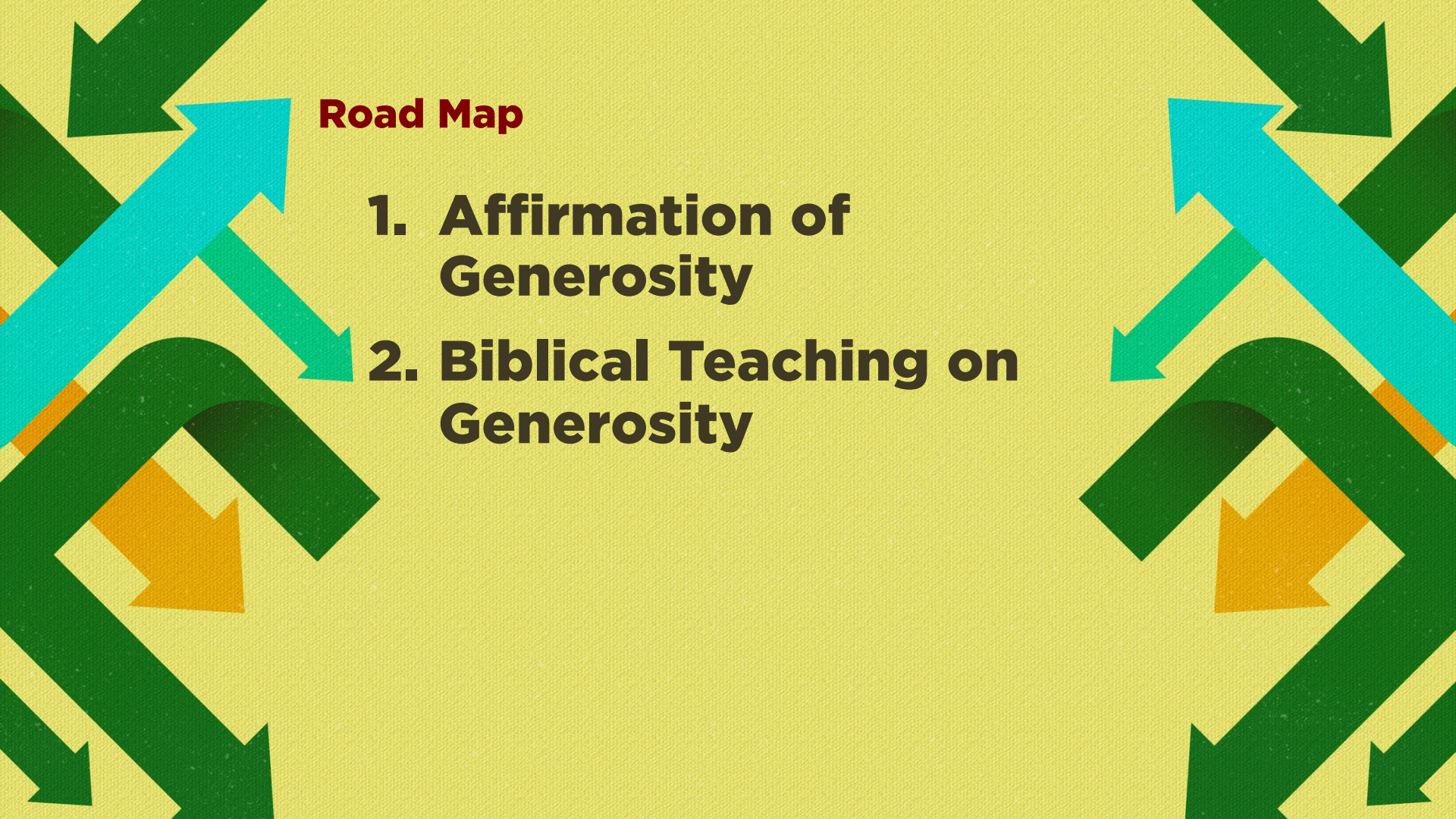
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13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.



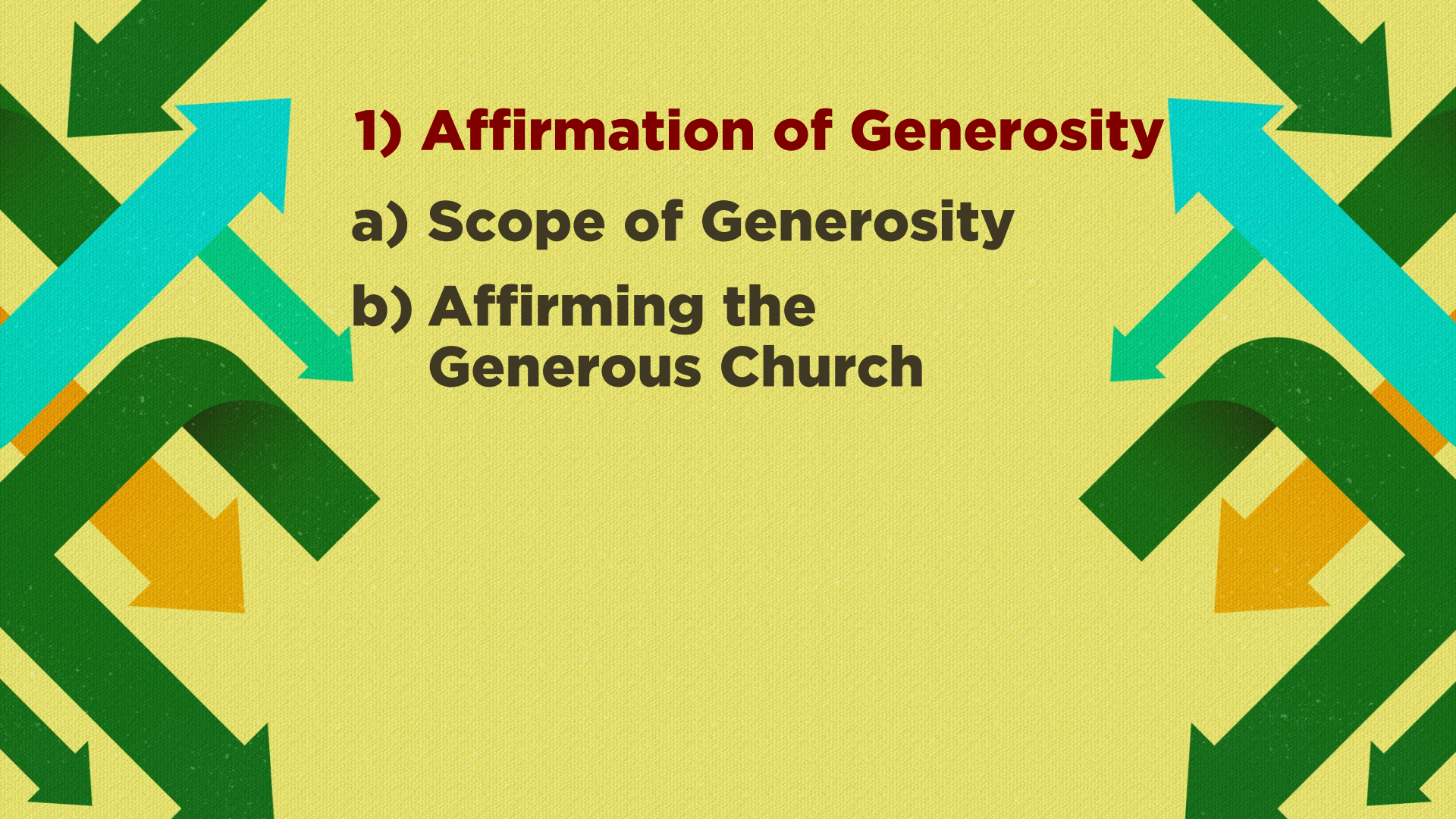
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14 And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. **15** Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!



Road Map

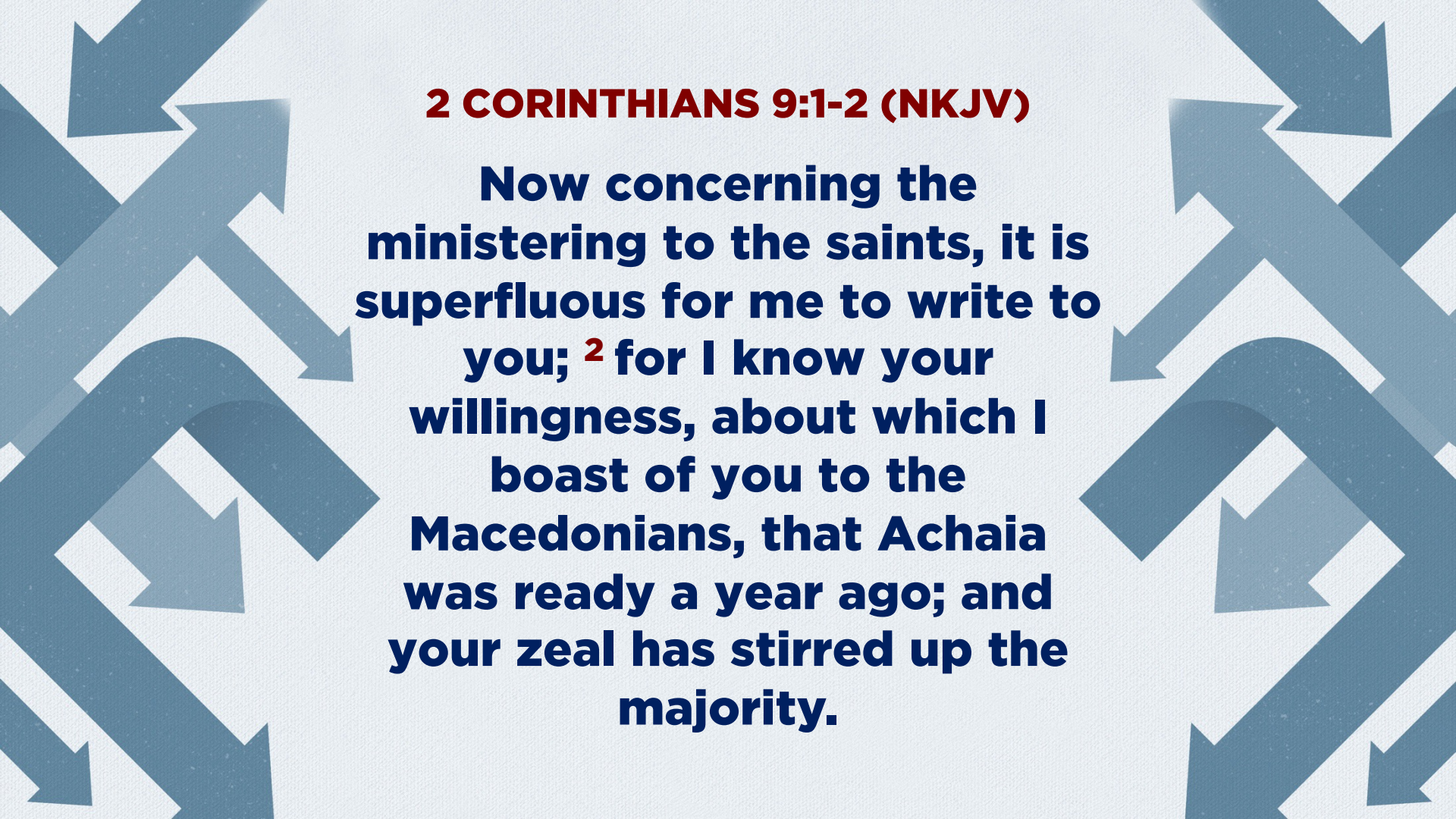
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2. **Biblical Teaching on Generosity**



1) Affirmation of Generosity

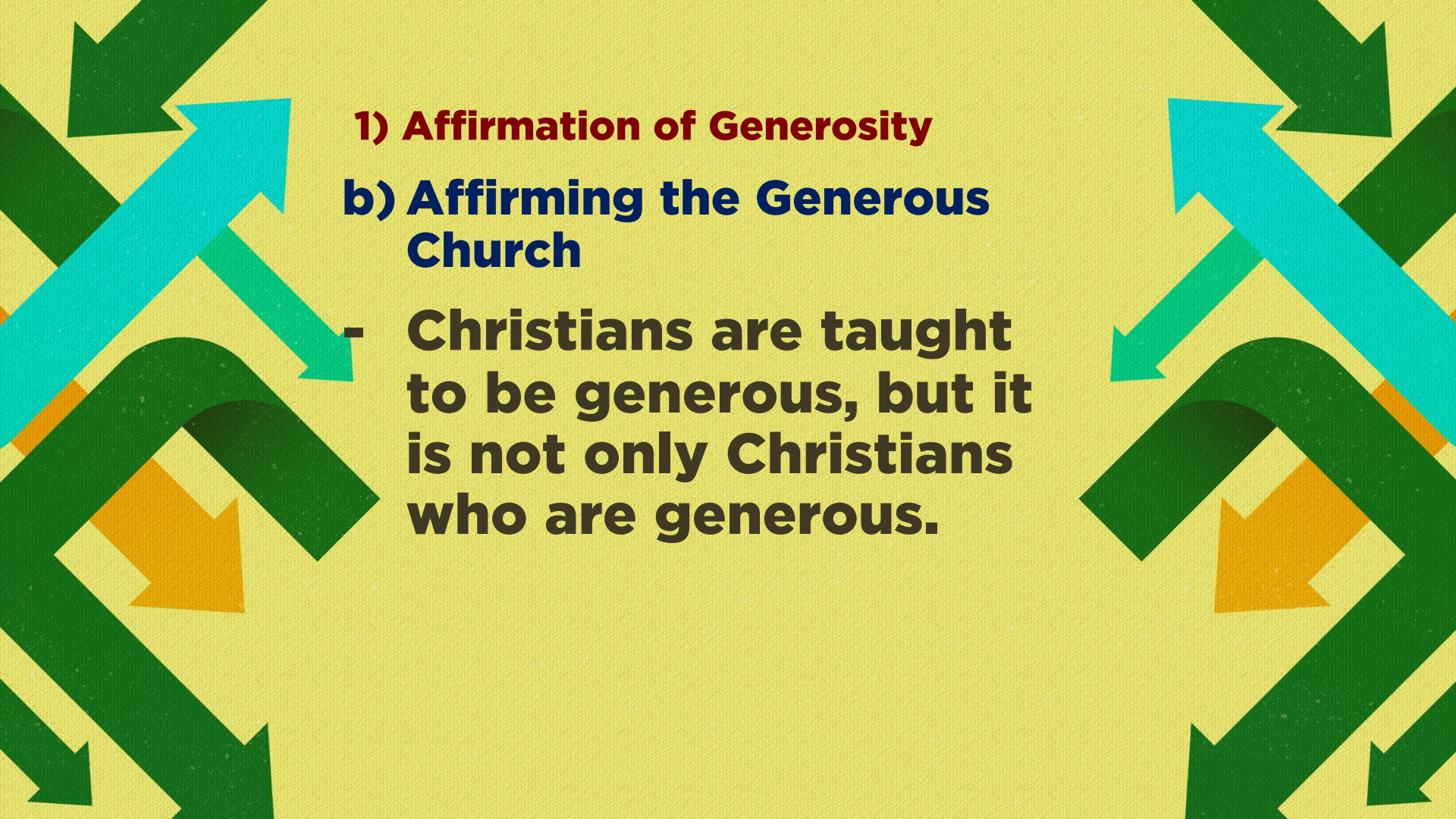
a) Scope of Generosity

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2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-2 (NKJV)

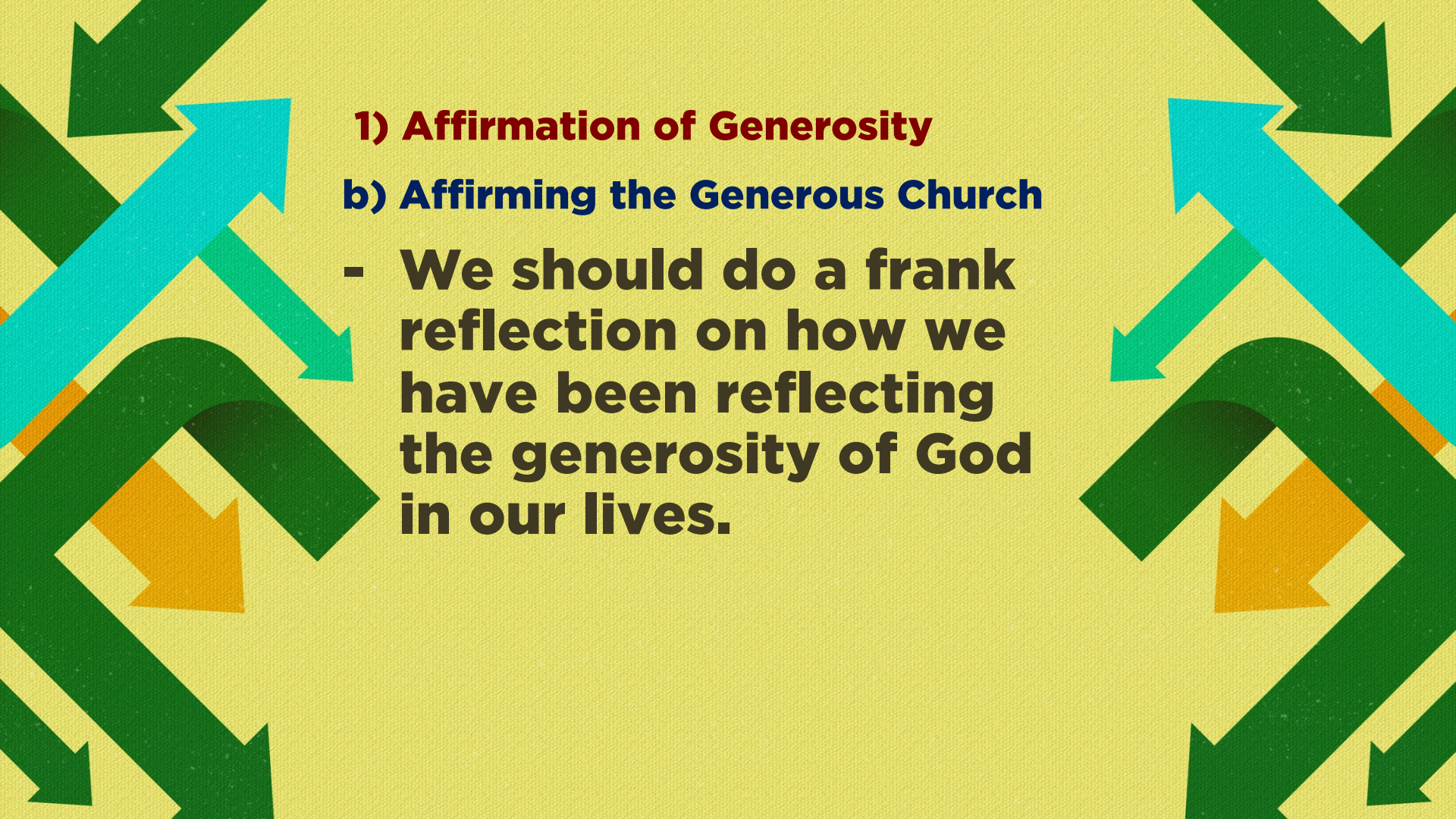
Now concerning the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you; ² for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority.



1) Affirmation of Generosity

b) Affirming the Generous Church

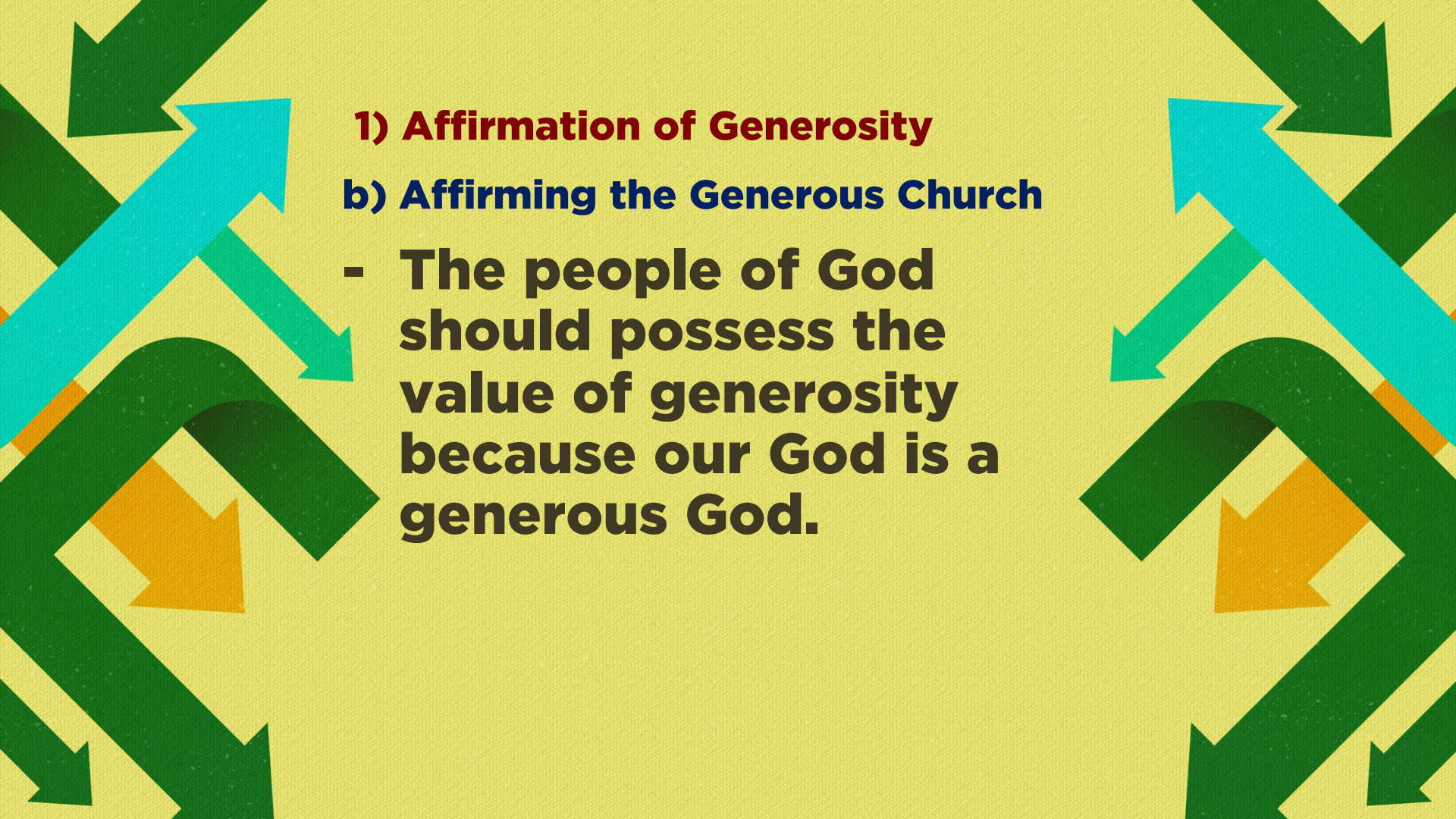
- **Christians are taught to be generous, but it is not only Christians who are generous.**



1) Affirmation of Generosity

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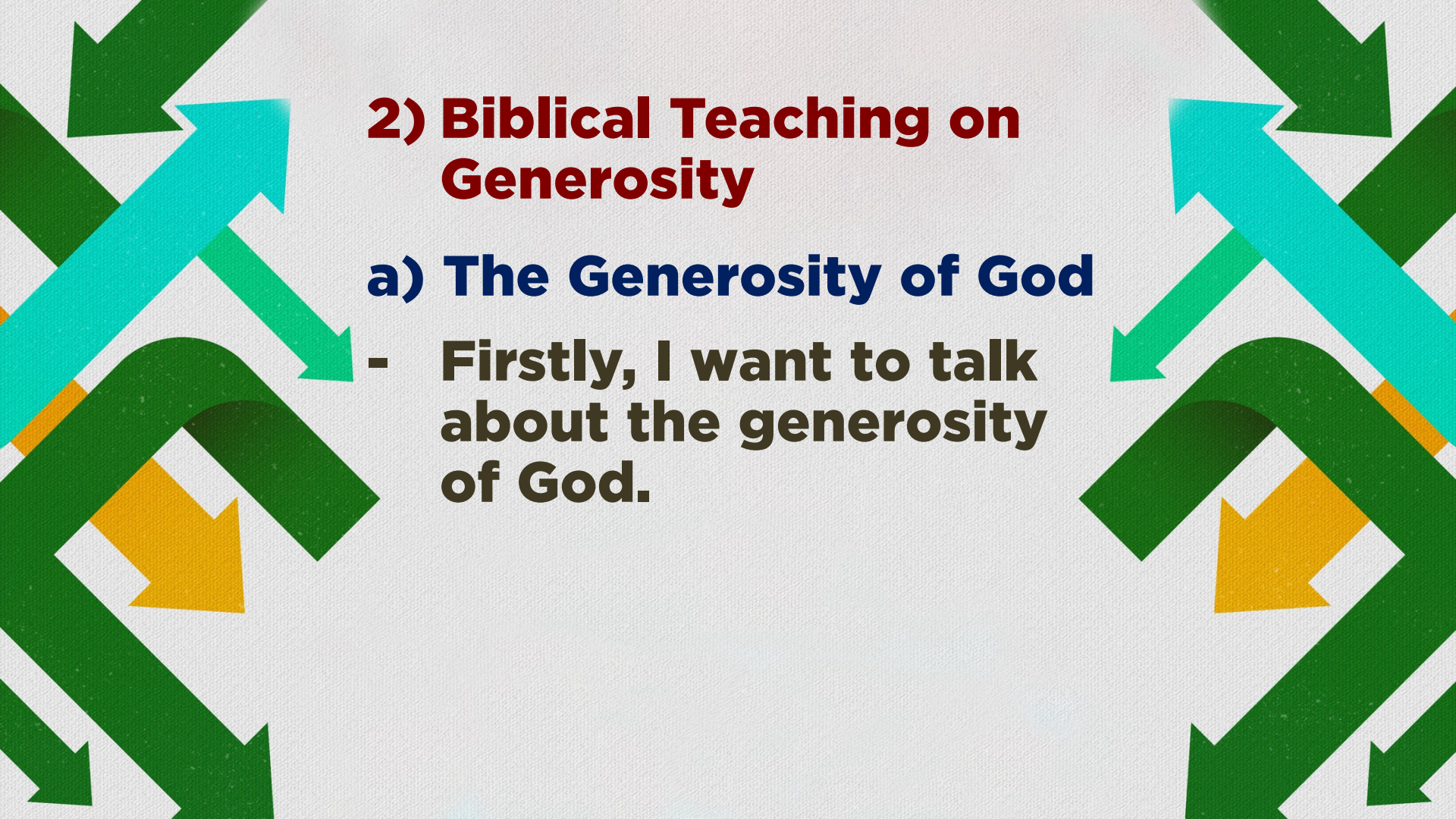
- **We should do a frank reflection on how we have been reflecting the generosity of God in our lives.**



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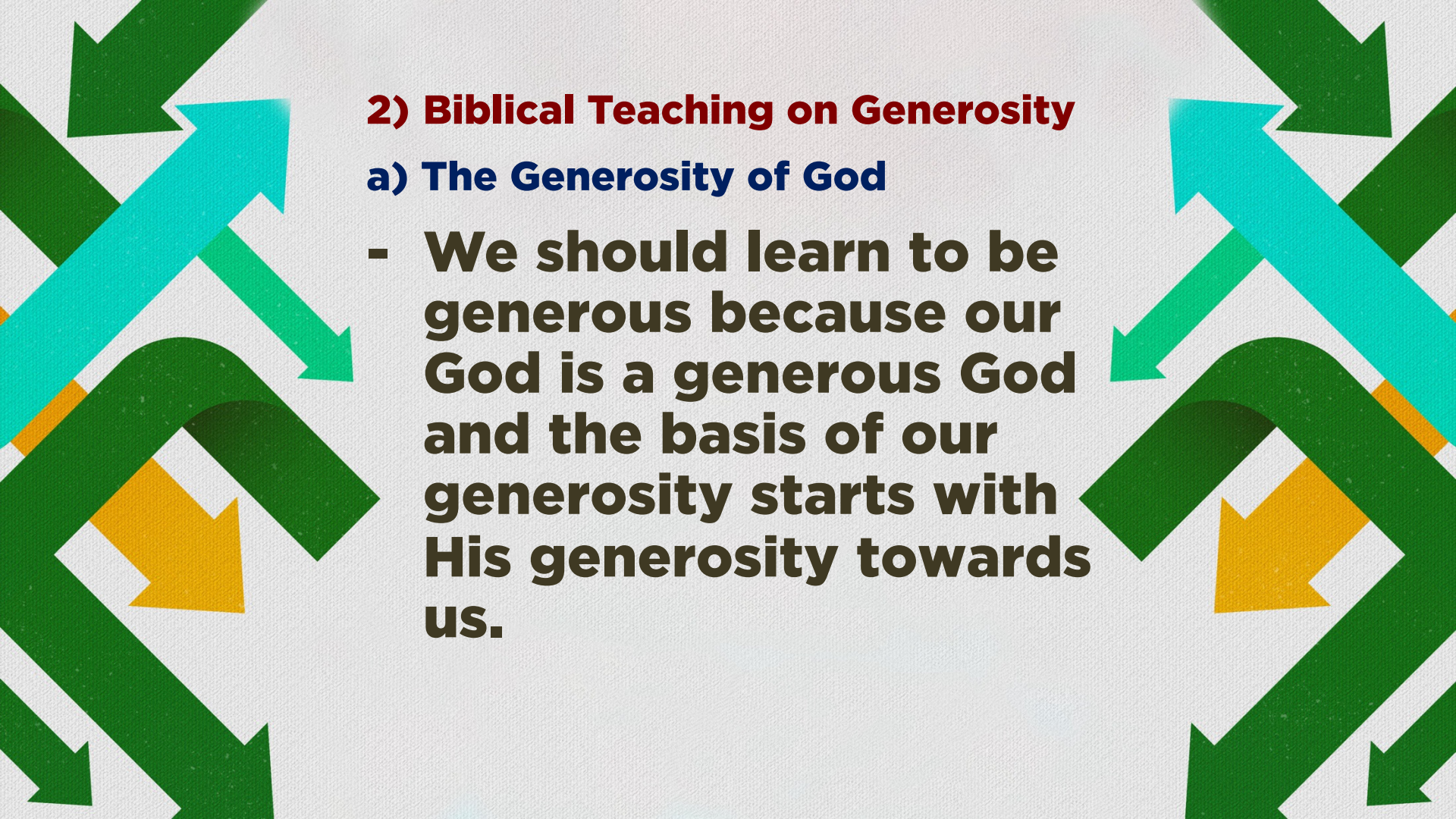
- The people of God should possess the value of generosity because our God is a generous God.**



2) Biblical Teaching on Generosity

a) The Generosity of God

- **Firstly, I want to talk about the generosity of God.**



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- **We should learn to be generous because our God is a generous God and the basis of our generosity starts with His generosity towards us.**

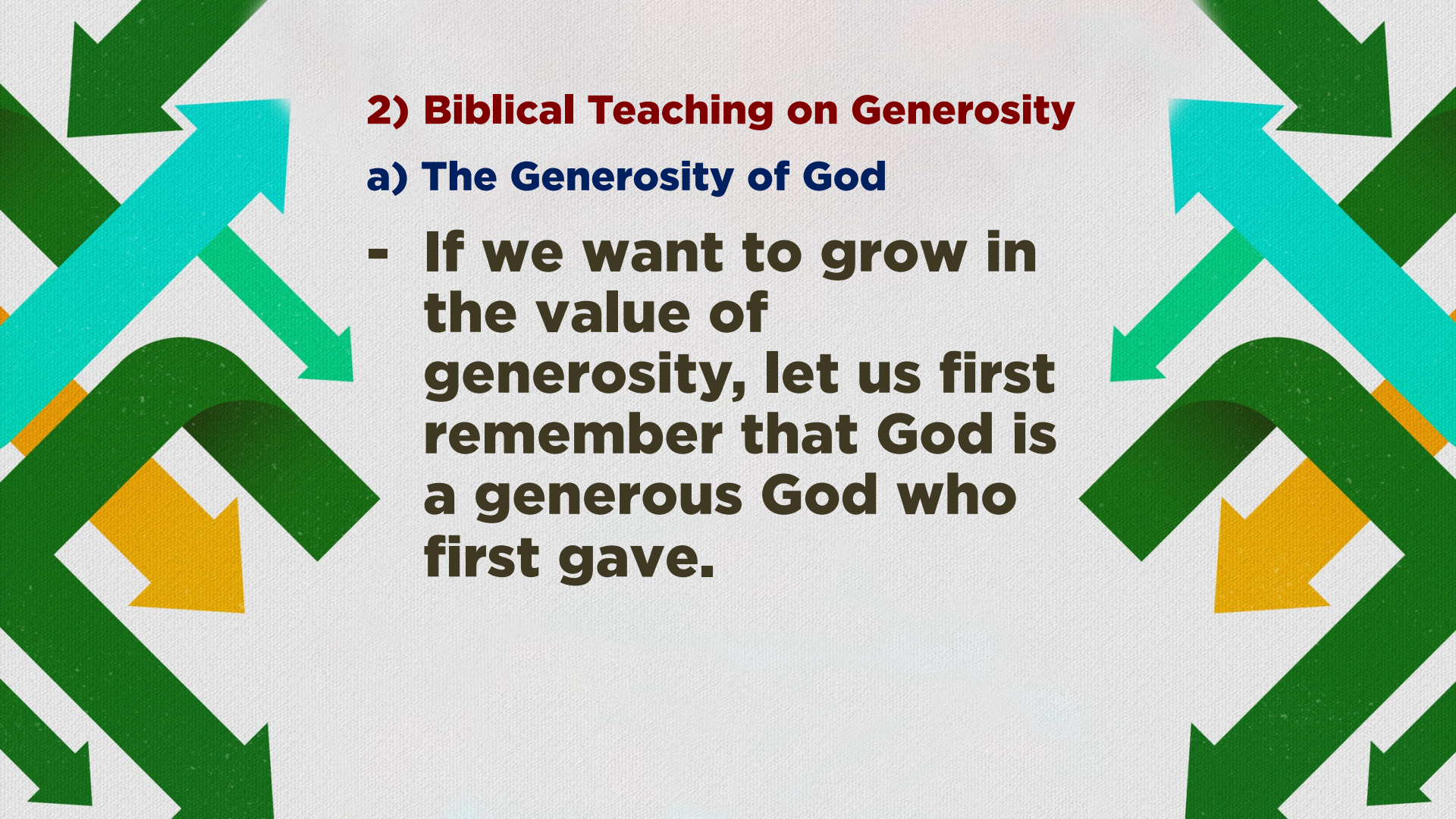
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JAMES 1:17 (NIV)

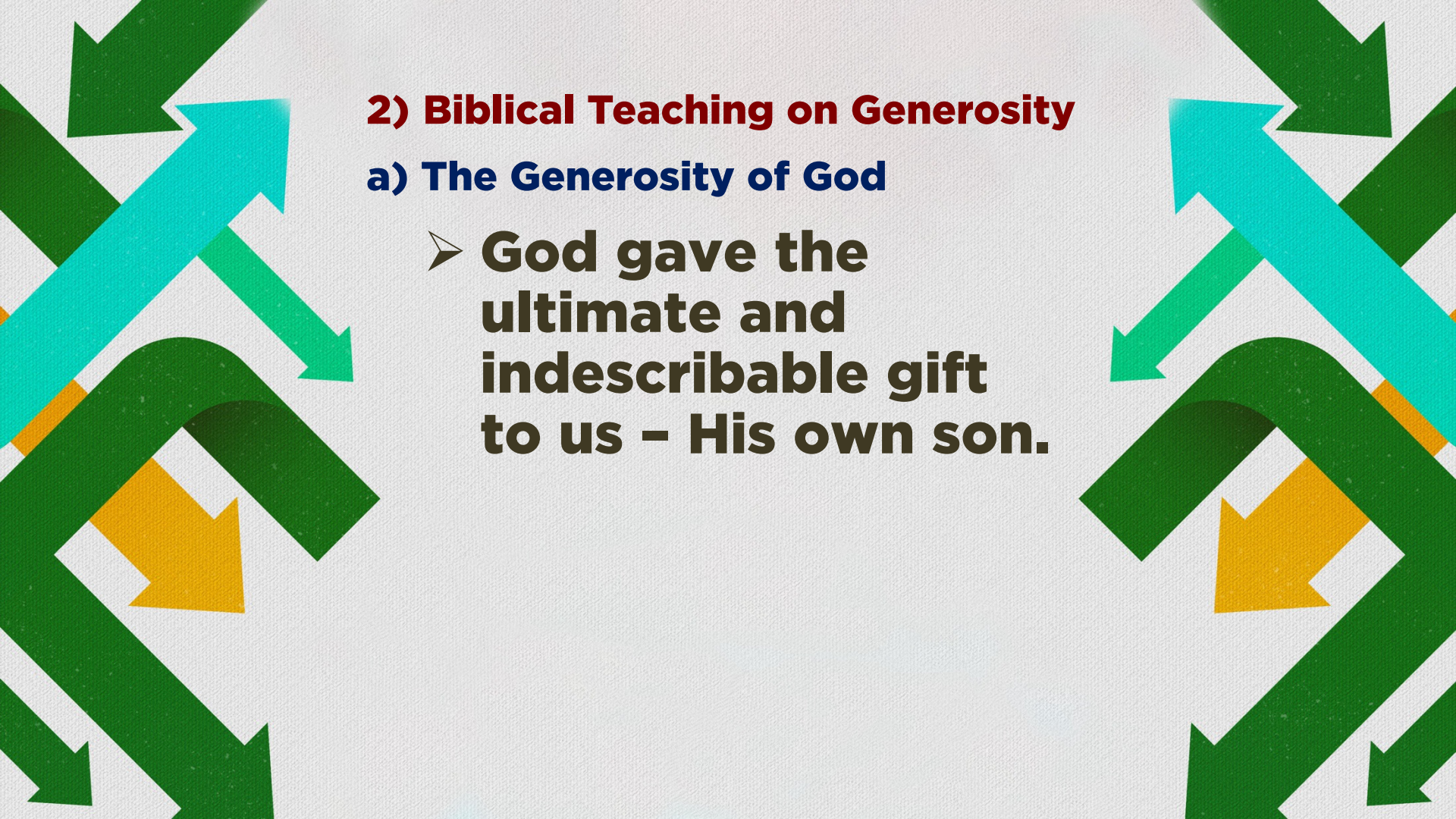
**Every good and perfect gift is
from above, coming down
from the Father of the
heavenly lights, who does
not change like shifting
shadows.**



2) Biblical Teaching on Generosity

a) The Generosity of God

- If we want to grow in the value of generosity, let us first remember that God is a generous God who first gave.**



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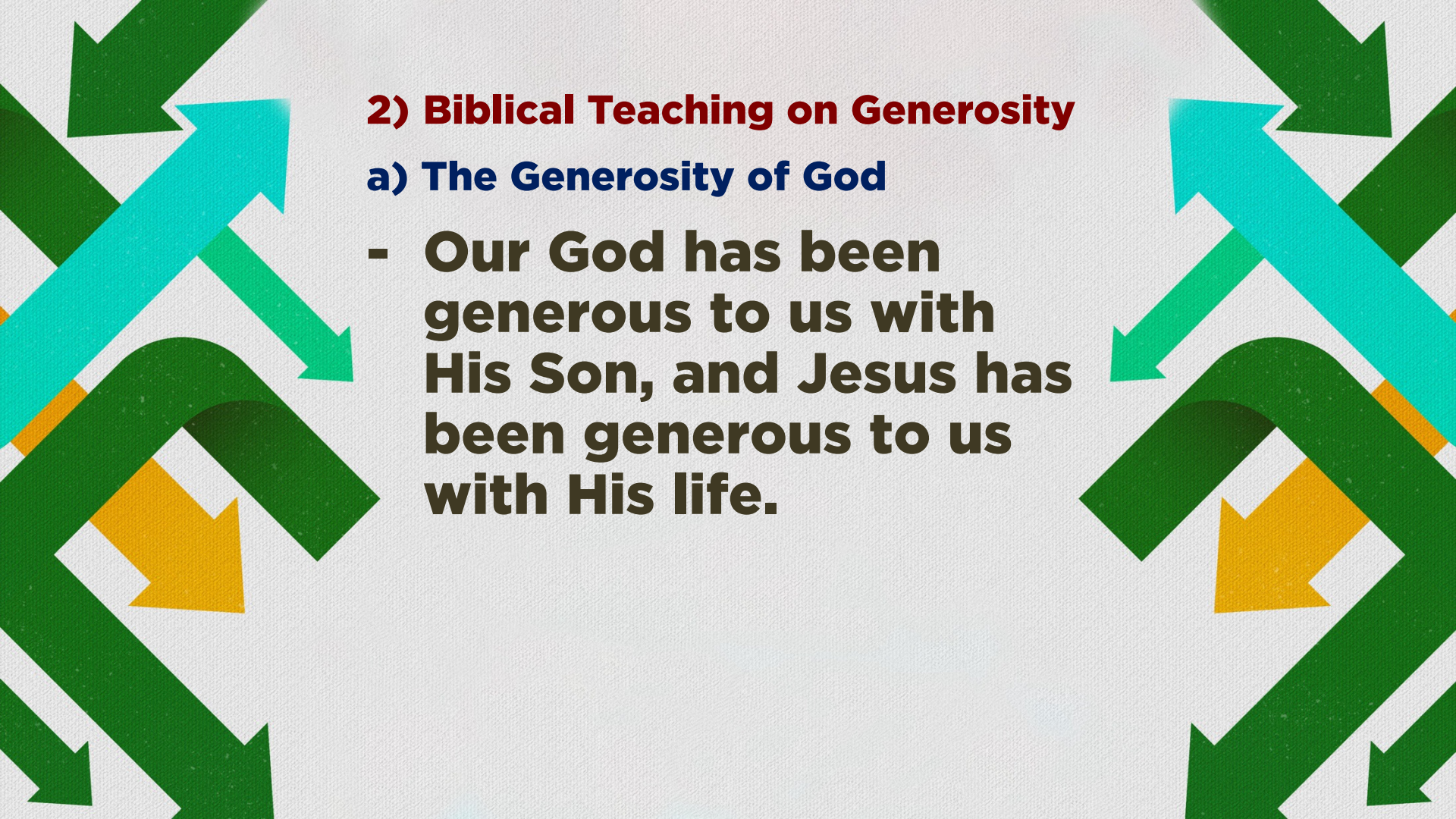
- **God gave the ultimate and indescribable gift to us – His own son.**

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15 (NIV)

**15 Thanks be to God for his
indescribable gift!**

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9 (NIV)

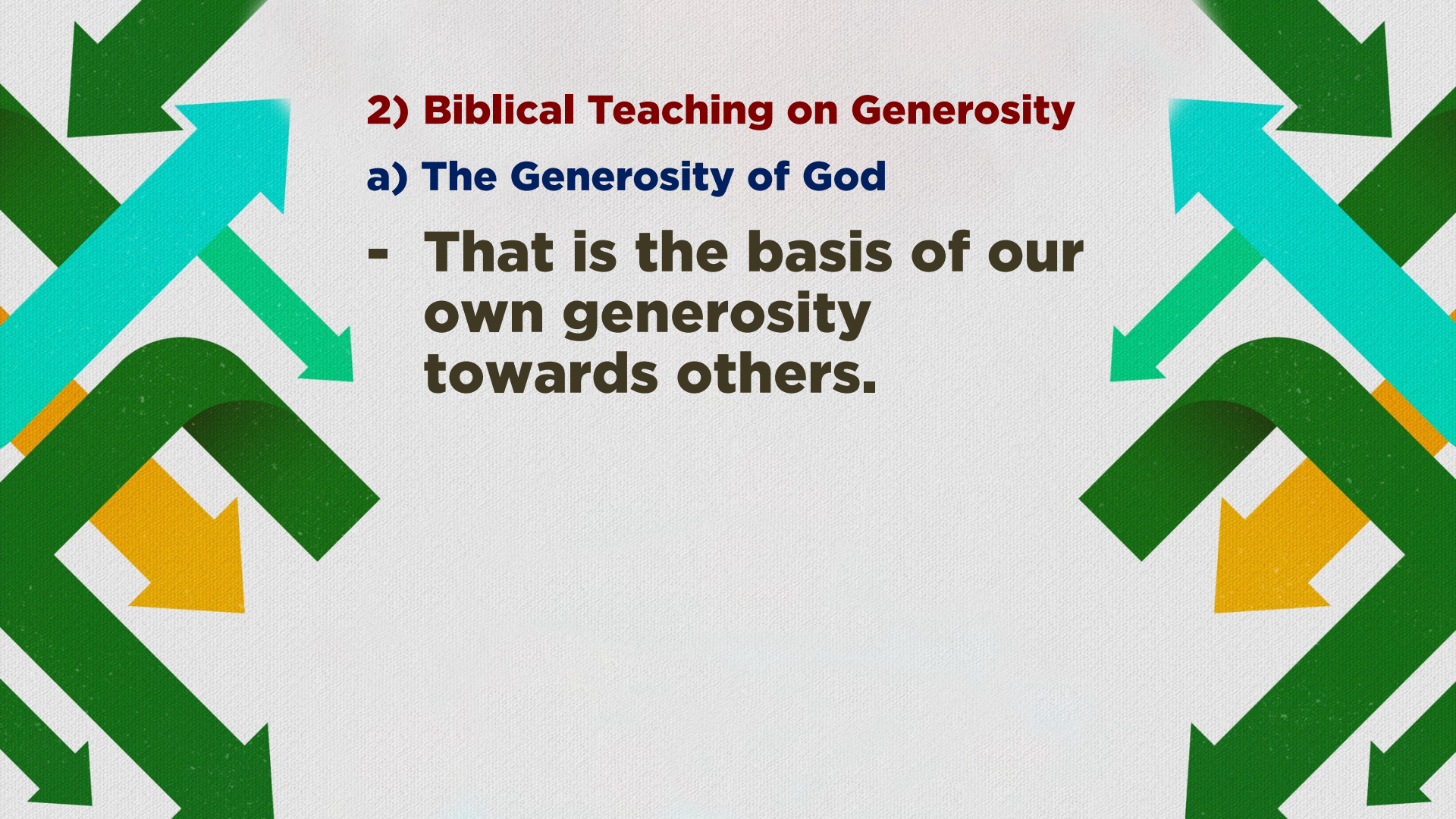
**For you know the grace of
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though he was rich, yet for
your sake he became poor,
so that you through his
poverty might become rich.**



2) Biblical Teaching on Generosity

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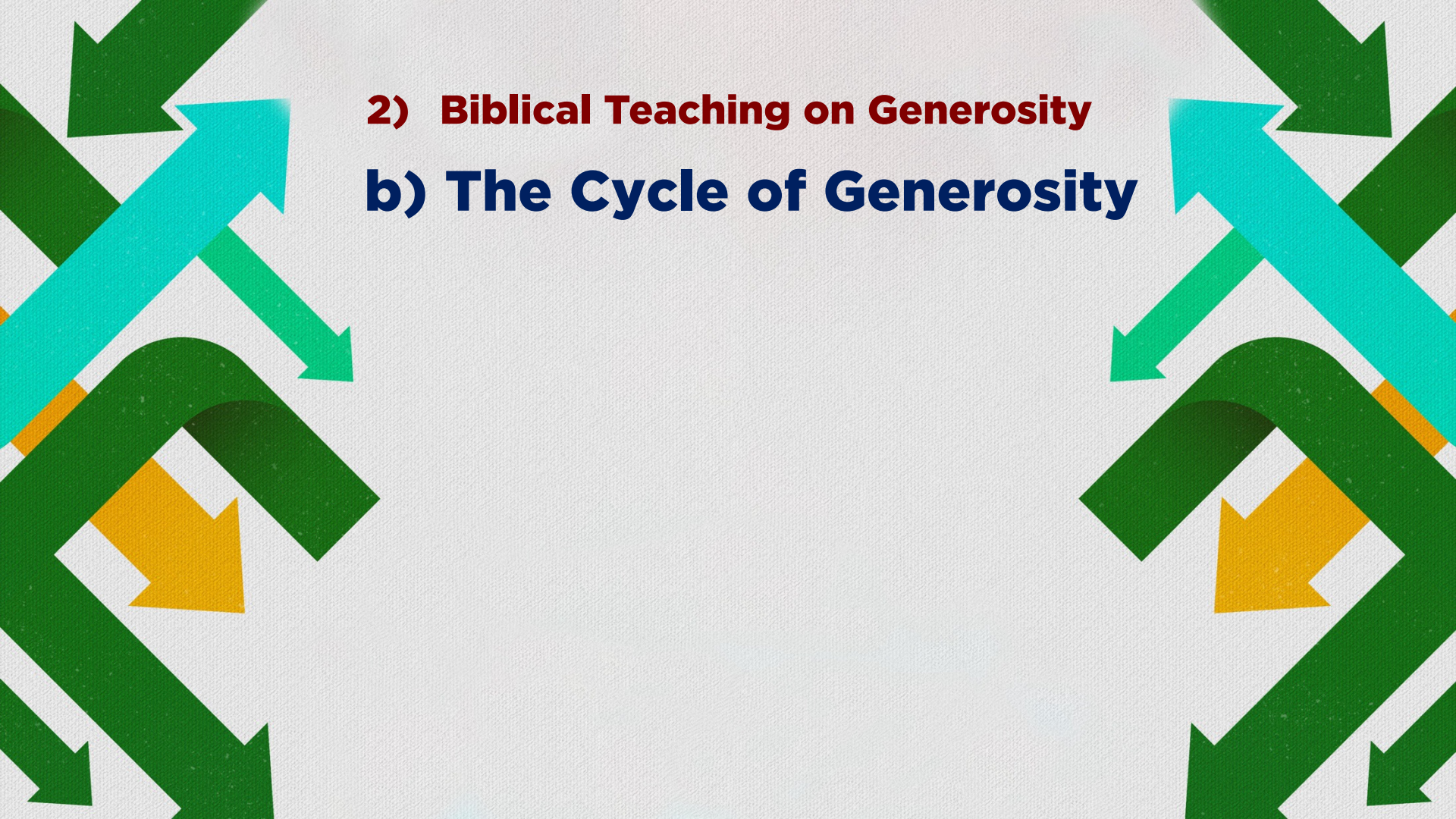
- **Our God has been generous to us with His Son, and Jesus has been generous to us with His life.**



2) Biblical Teaching on Generosity

a) The Generosity of God

- **That is the basis of our own generosity towards others.**



2) Biblical Teaching on Generosity

b) The Cycle of Generosity

2 CORINTHIANS 9:10-11 (NIV)

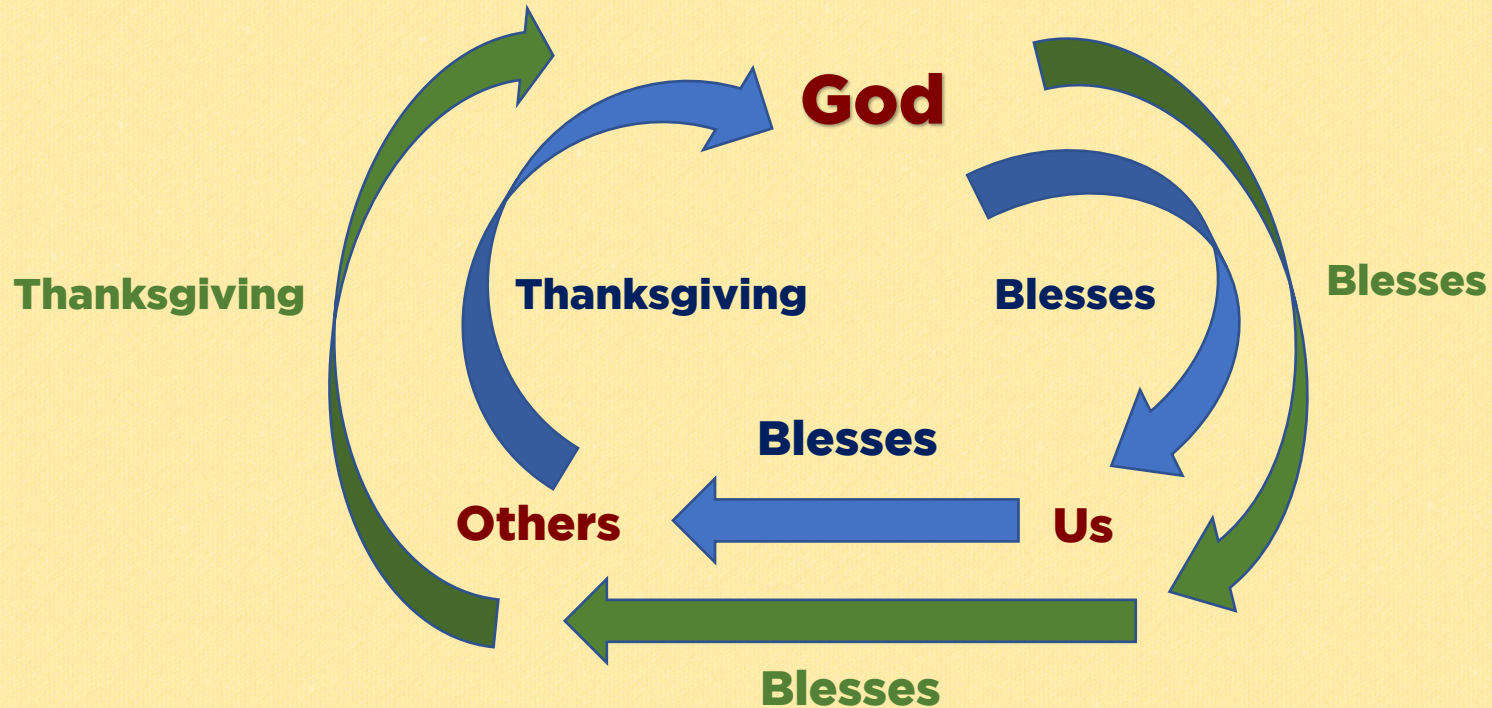
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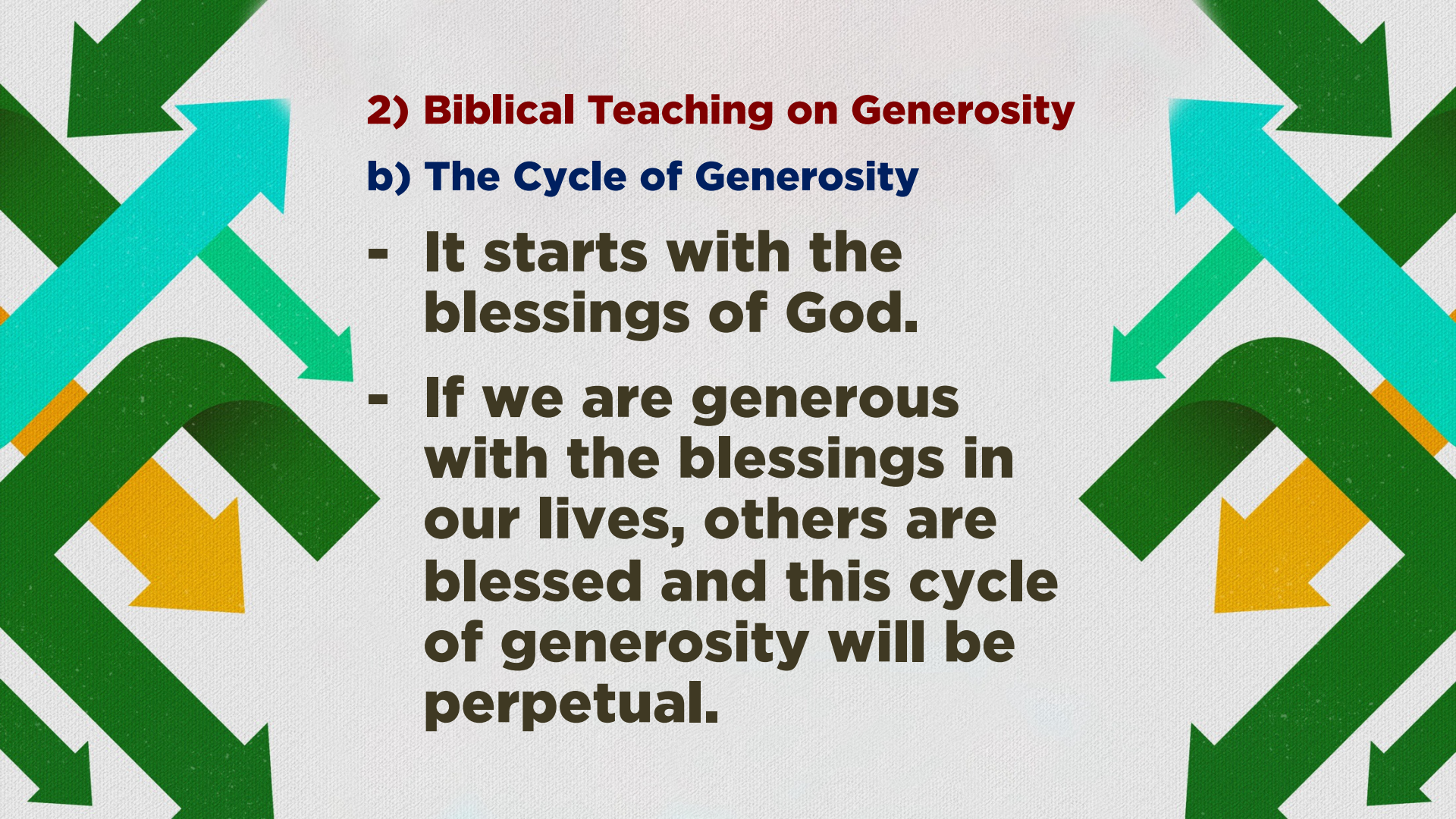
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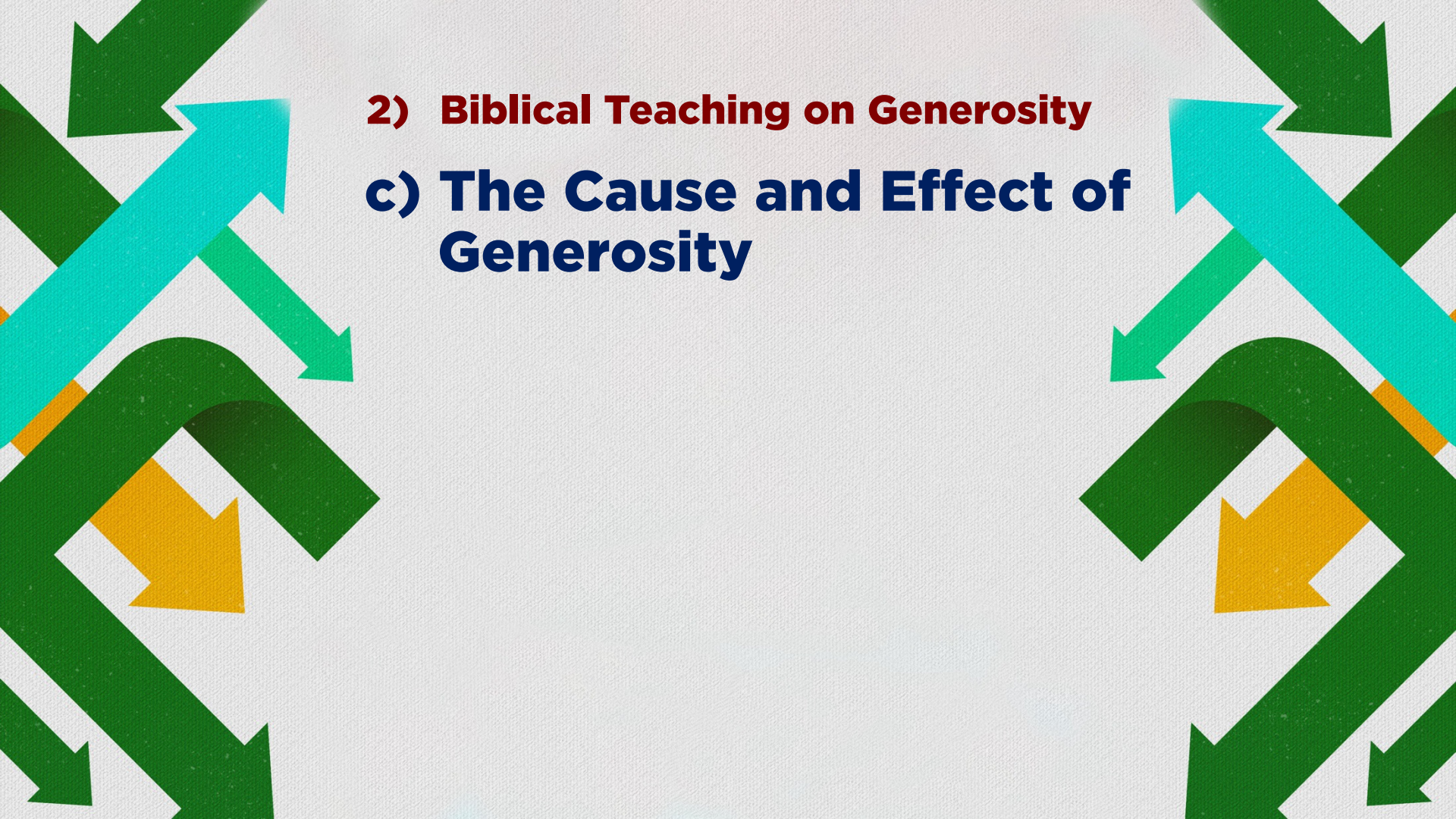


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2) Biblical Teaching on Generosity

b) The Cycle of Generosity

- **It starts with the blessings of God.**
- **If we are generous with the blessings in our lives, others are blessed and this cycle of generosity will be perpetual.**

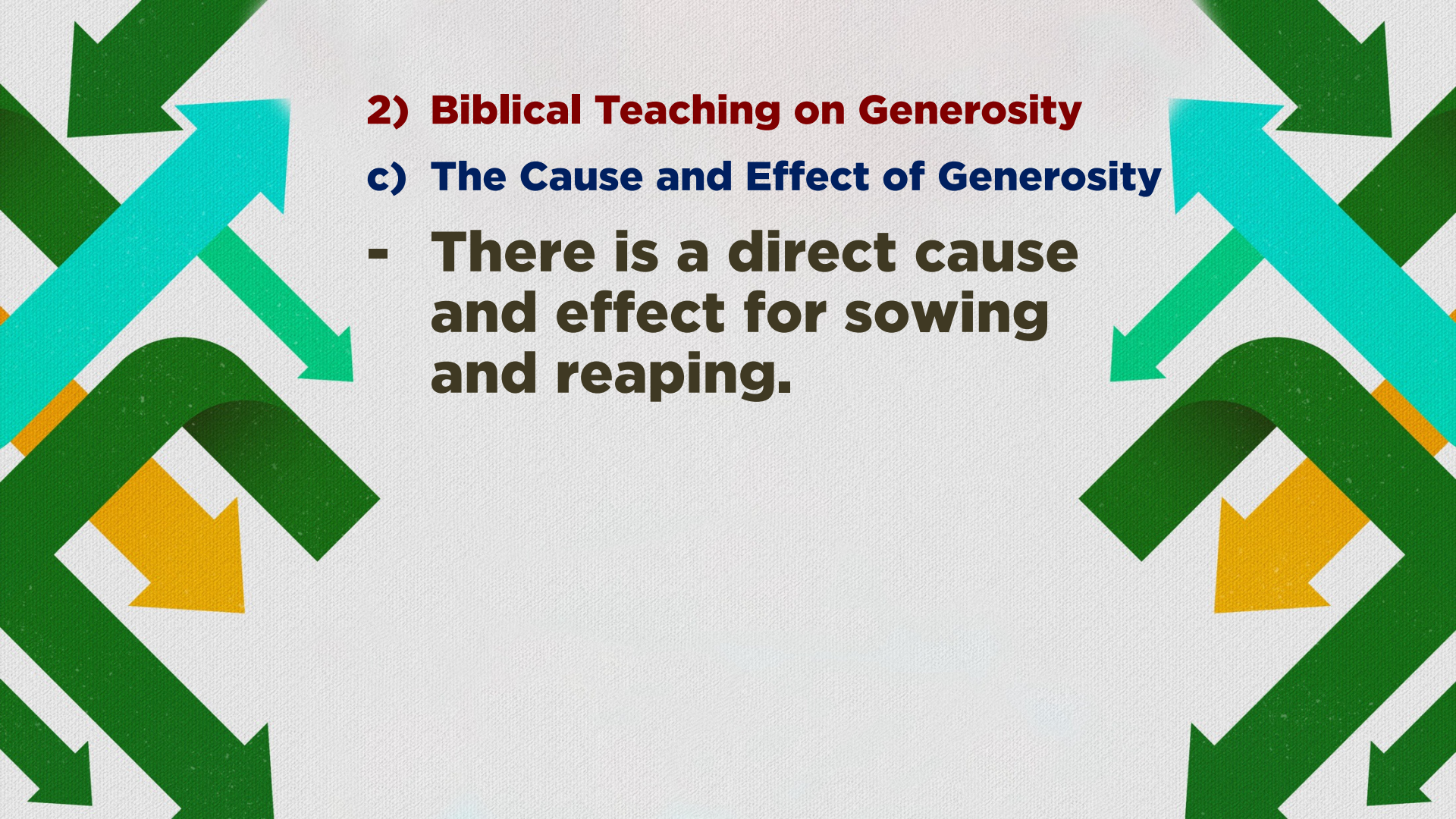


2) Biblical Teaching on Generosity

c) The Cause and Effect of Generosity

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6 (NIV)

**... Whoever sows sparingly
will also reap sparingly, and
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- **There is a direct cause and effect for sowing and reaping.**

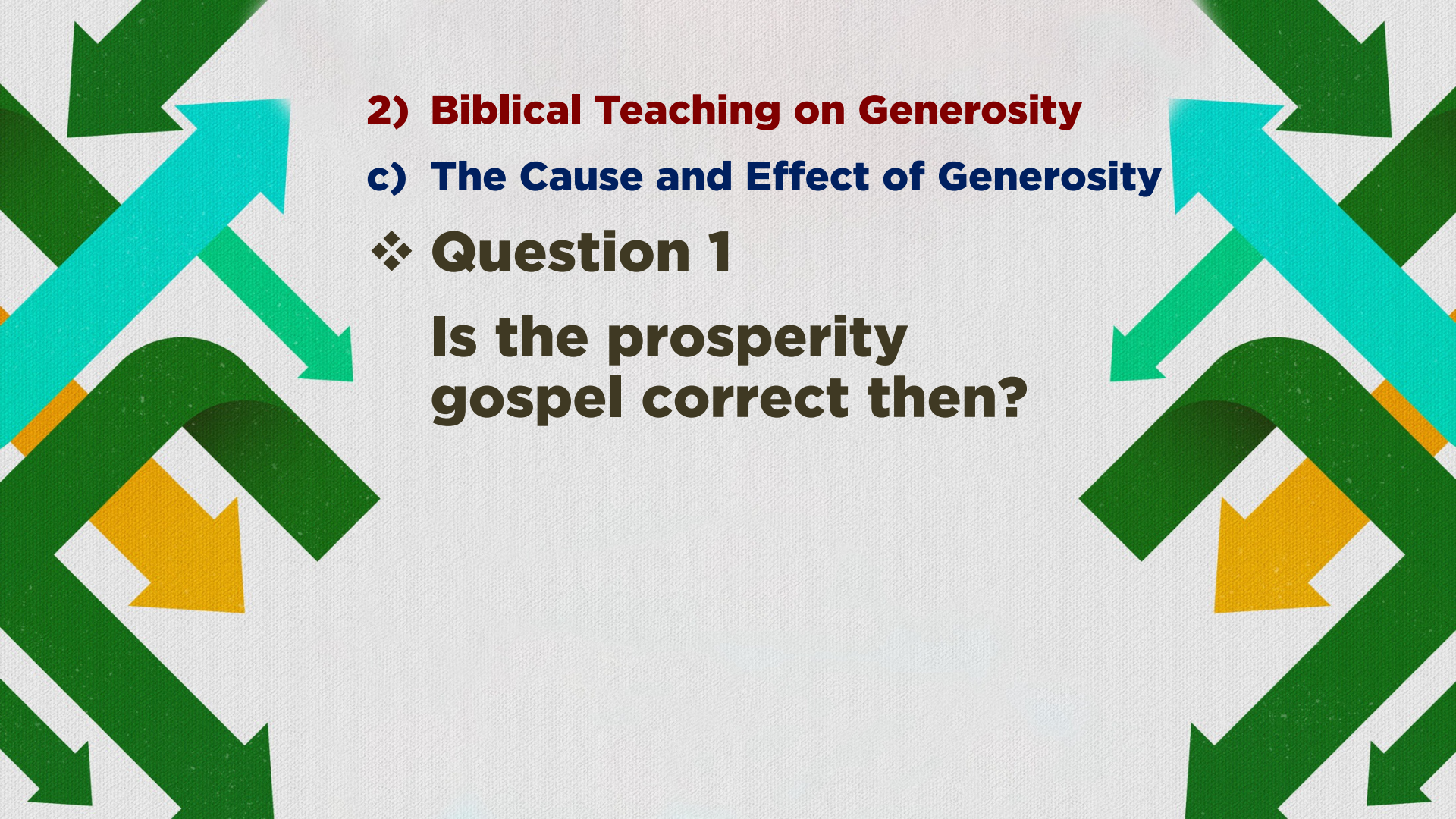
PROVERBS 11:24-26 (NIV)

**²⁴ One person gives freely,
yet gains even more; another
withholds unduly, but comes
to poverty.**

PROVERBS 11:24-26 (NIV)

²⁵ A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

²⁶ People curse the one who hoards grain, but they pray God's blessing on the one who is willing to sell.

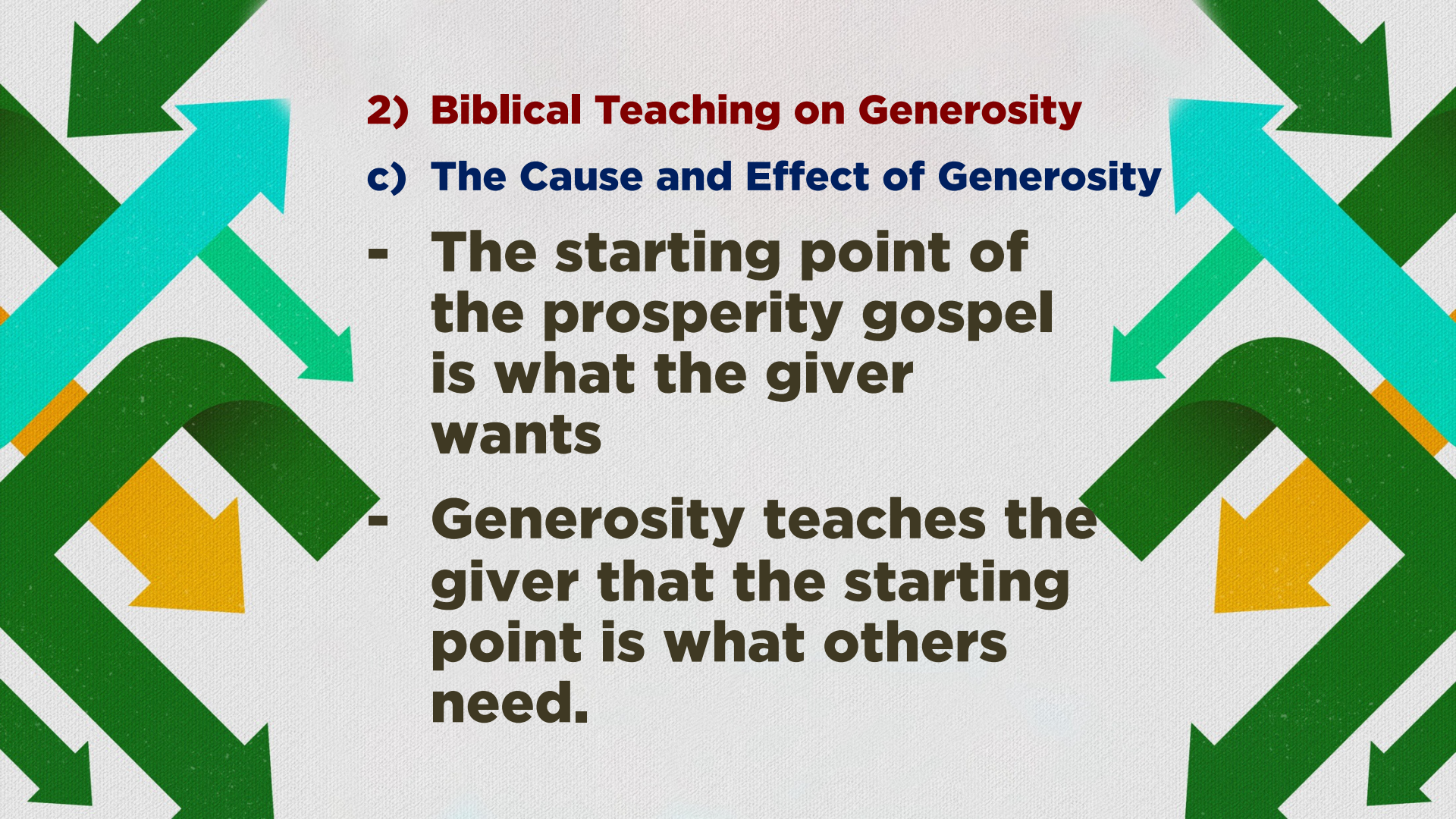


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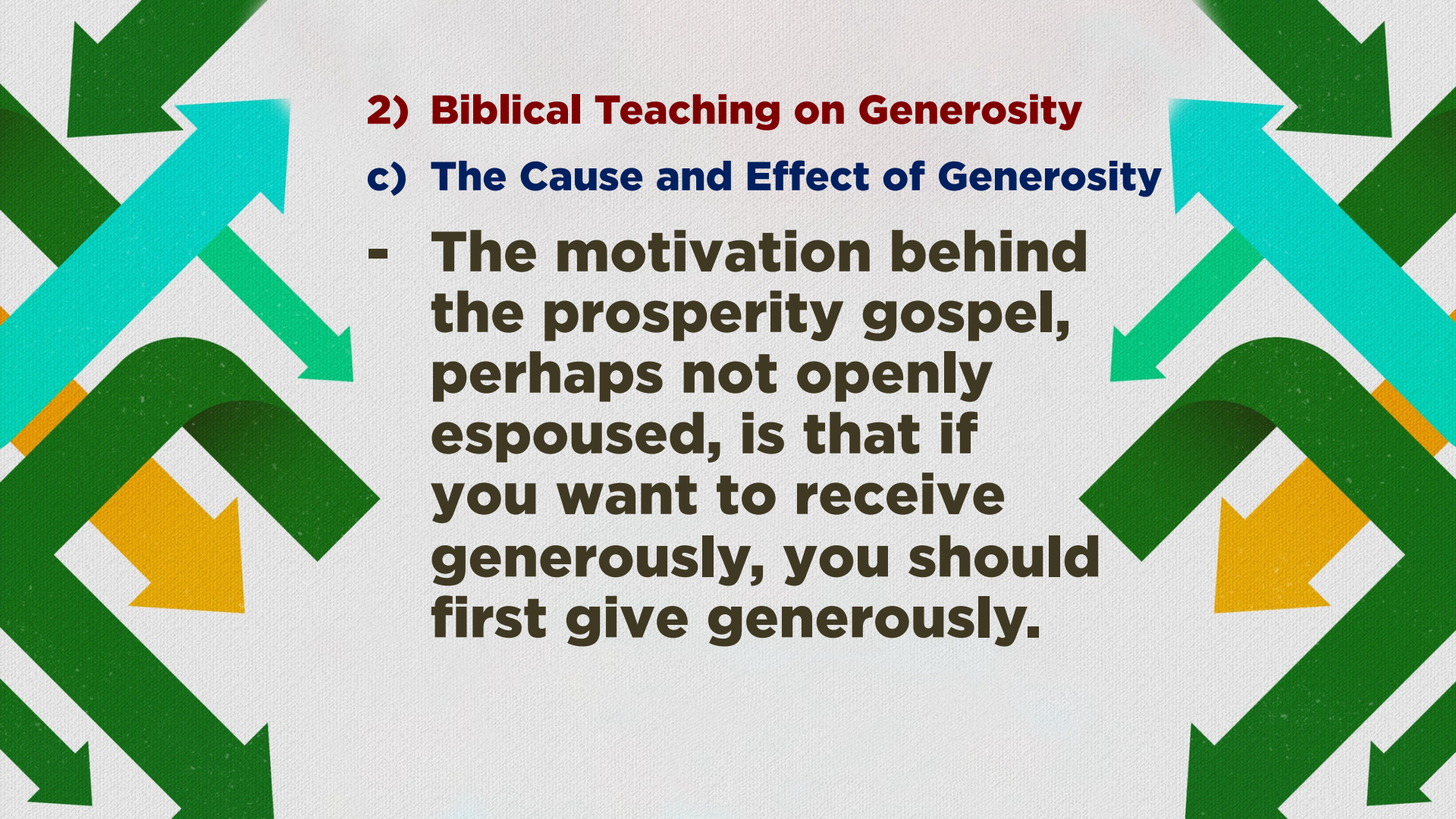
**Is the prosperity
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2) Biblical Teaching on Generosity

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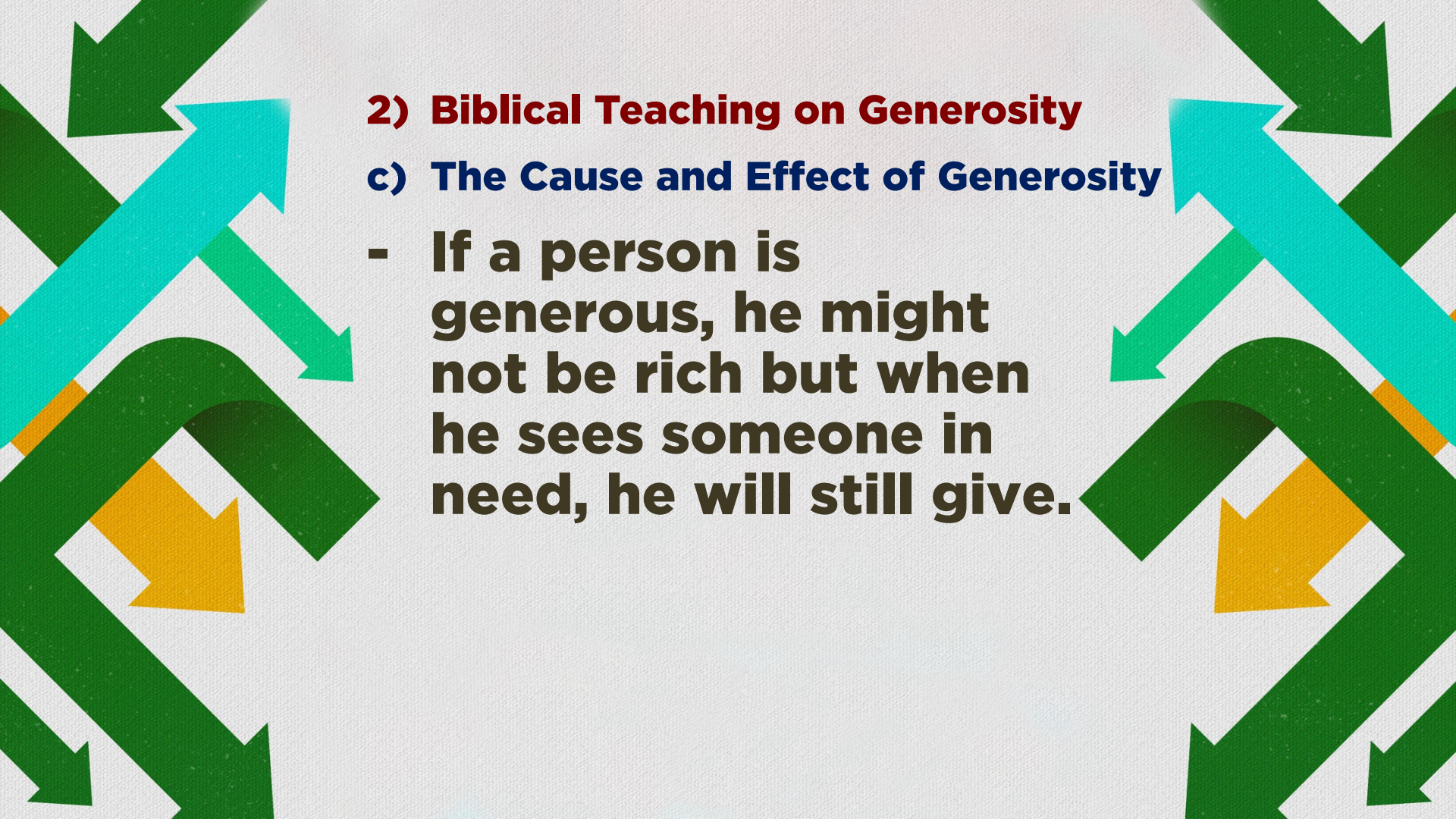
- **The starting point of the prosperity gospel is what the giver wants**
- **Generosity teaches the giver that the starting point is what others need.**



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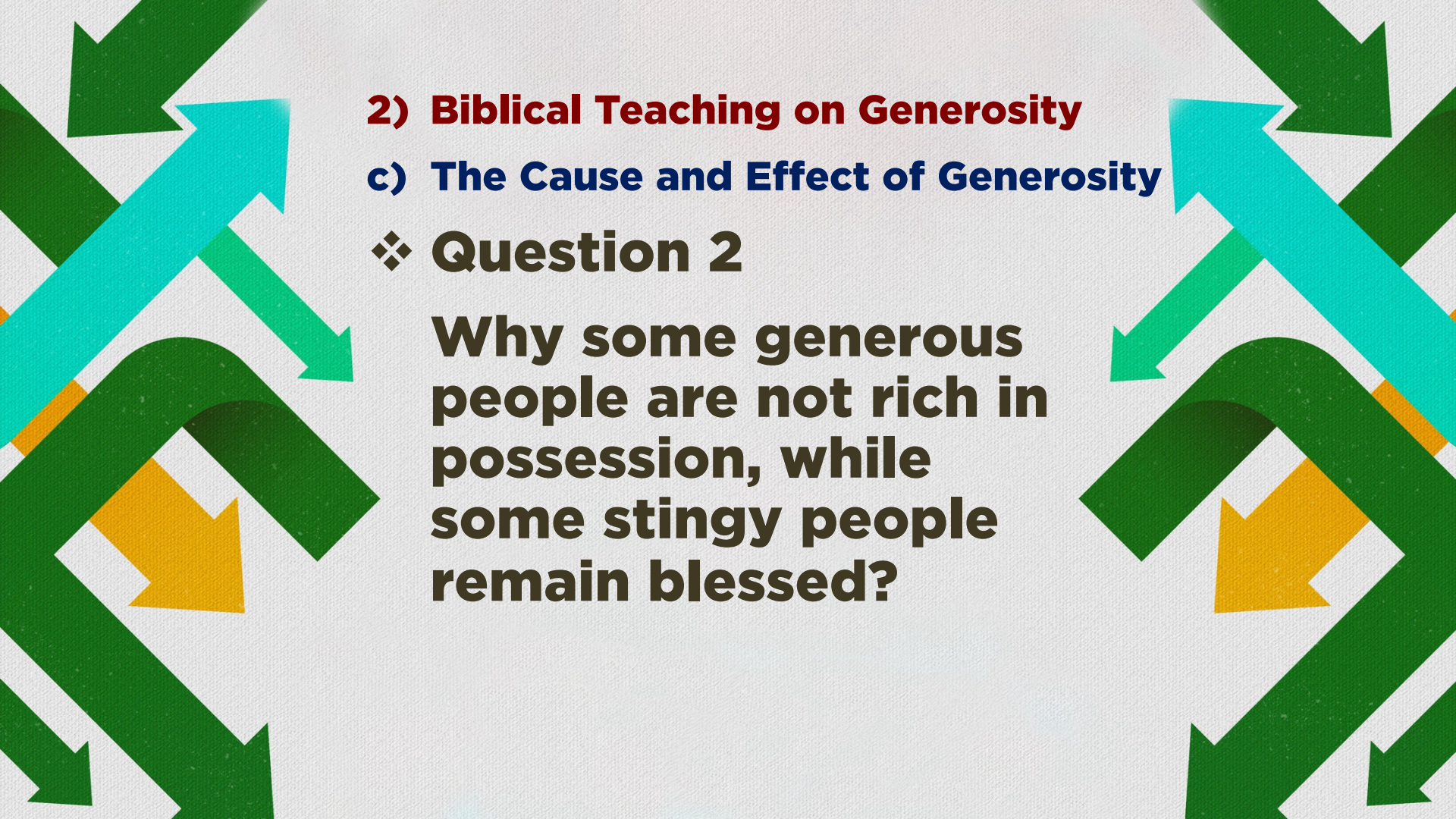
- **The motivation behind the prosperity gospel, perhaps not openly espoused, is that if you want to receive generously, you should first give generously.**



2) Biblical Teaching on Generosity

c) The Cause and Effect of Generosity

- **If a person is generous, he might not be rich but when he sees someone in need, he will still give.**

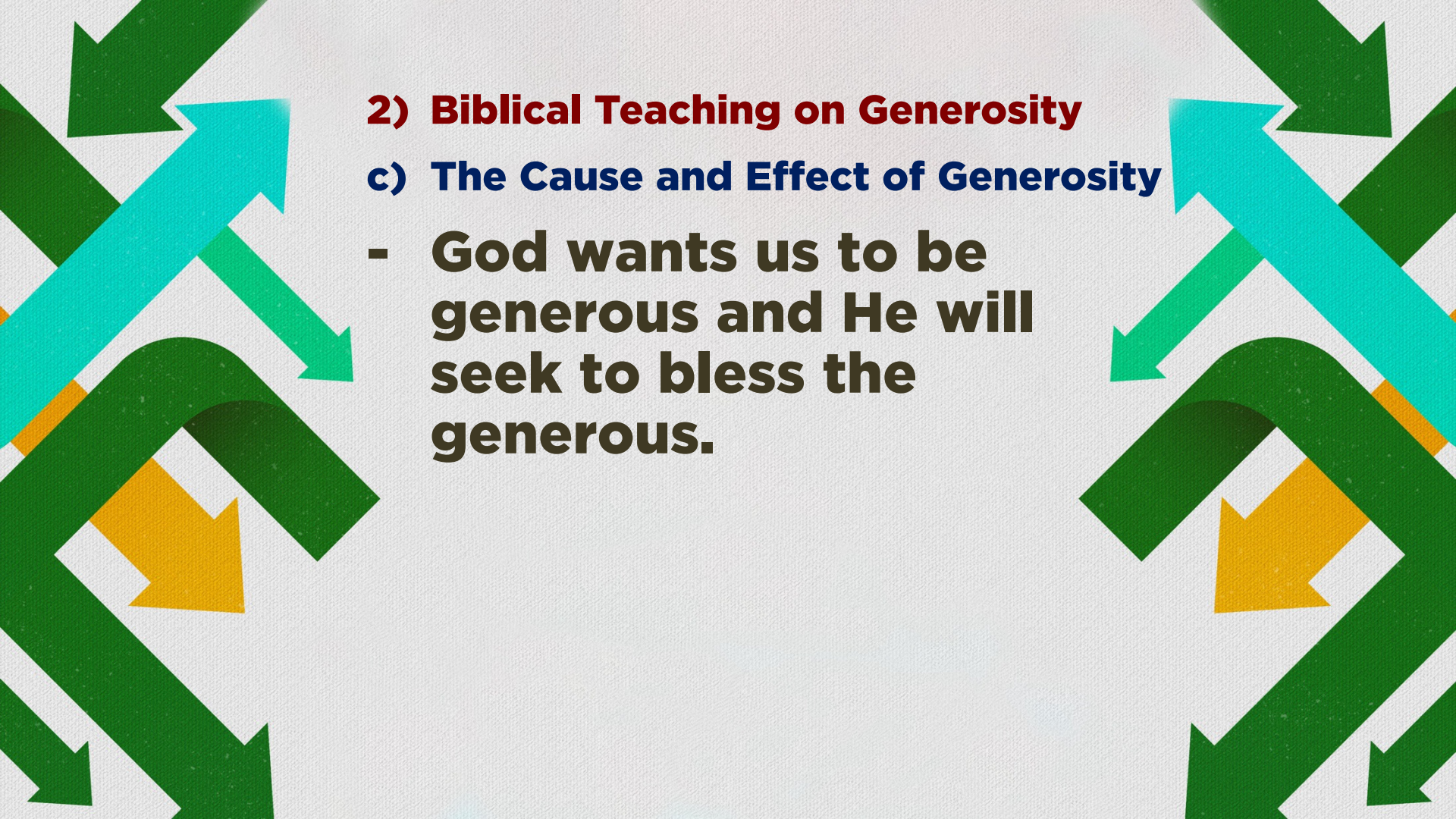


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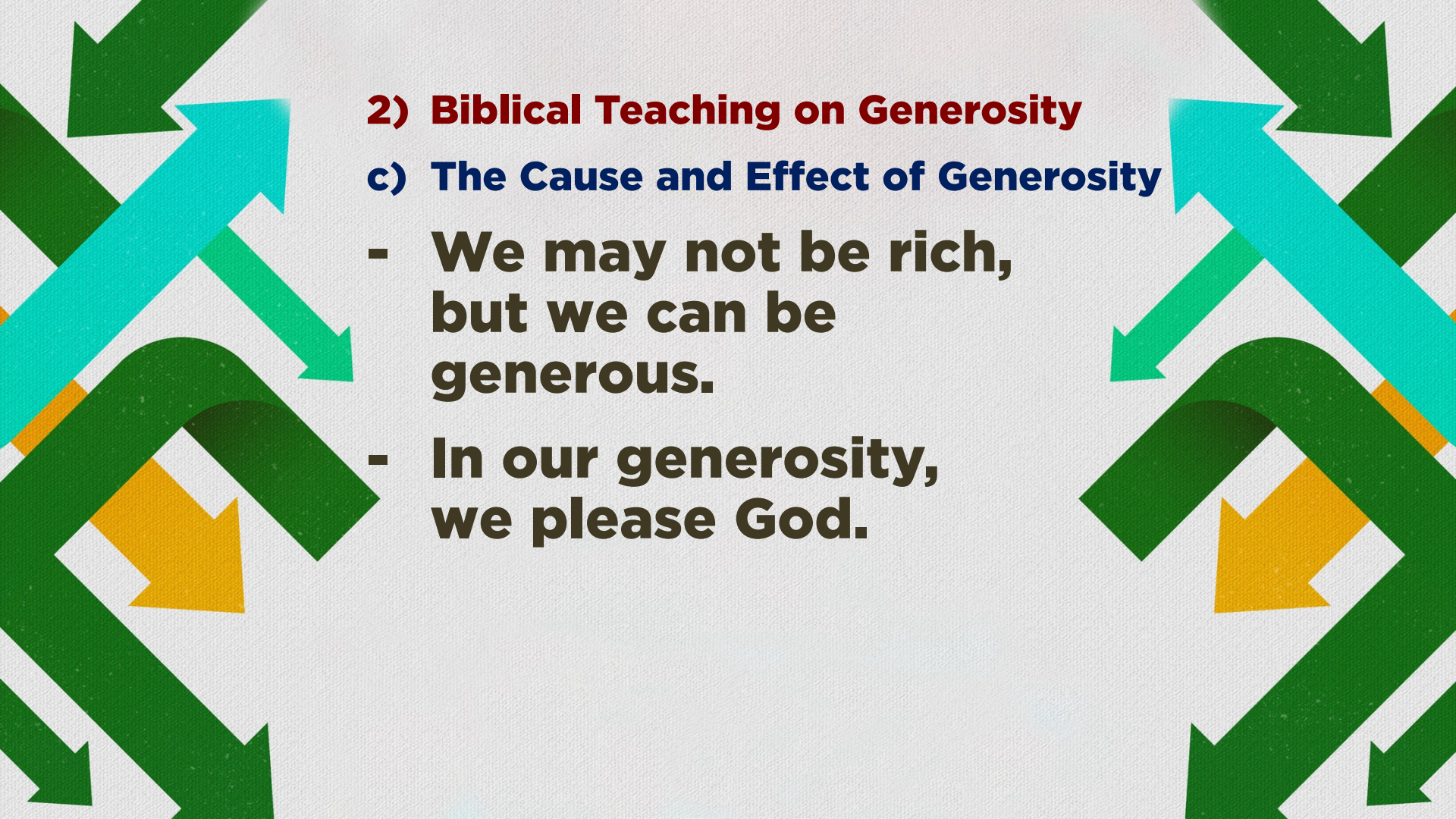
Why some generous people are not rich in possession, while some stingy people remain blessed?



2) Biblical Teaching on Generosity

c) The Cause and Effect of Generosity

- **God wants us to be generous and He will seek to bless the generous.**



2) Biblical Teaching on Generosity

c) The Cause and Effect of Generosity

- **We may not be rich, but we can be generous.**
- **In our generosity, we please God.**



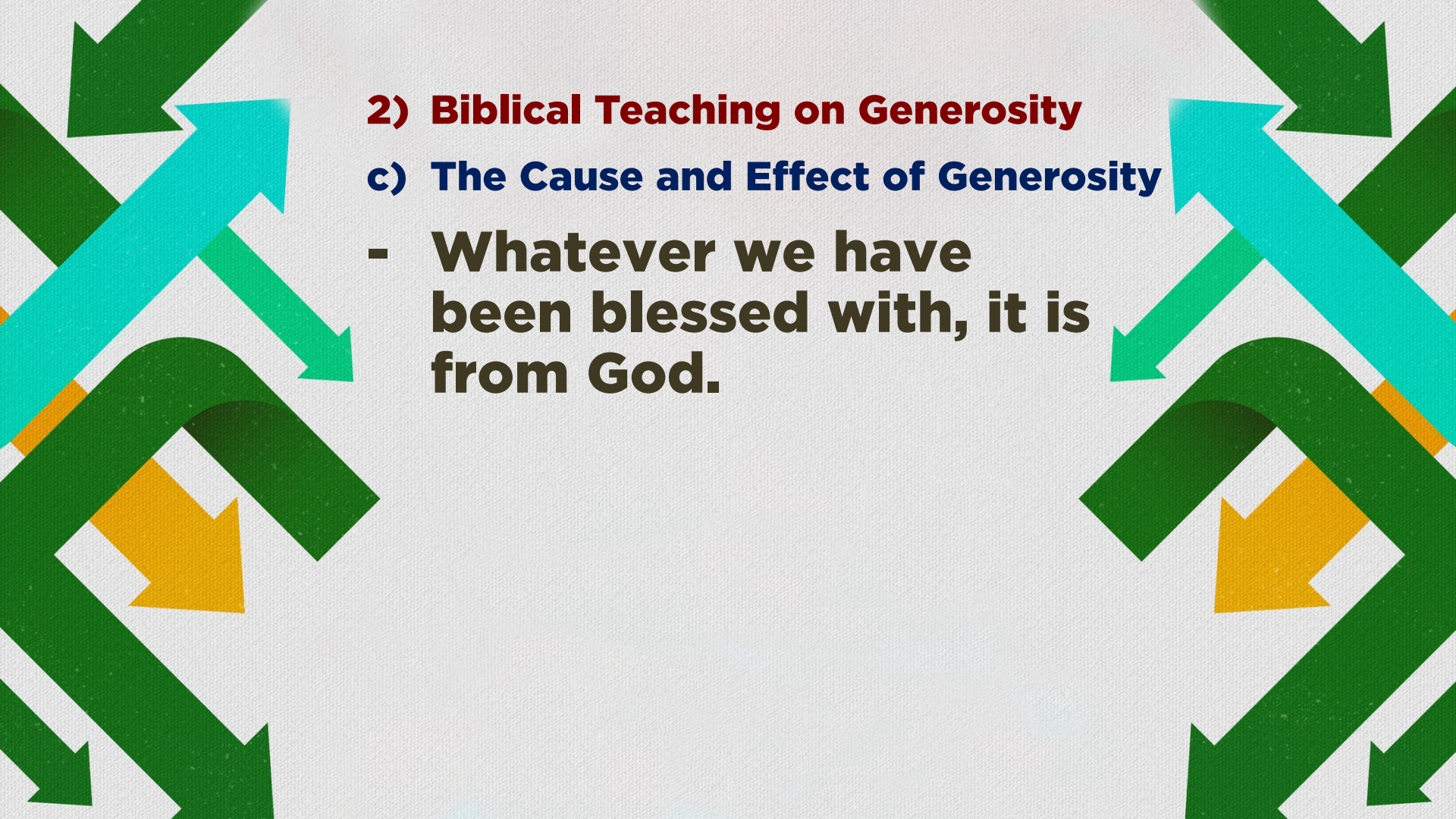
2 CORINTHIANS 8:2-4 (NIV)

² In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.



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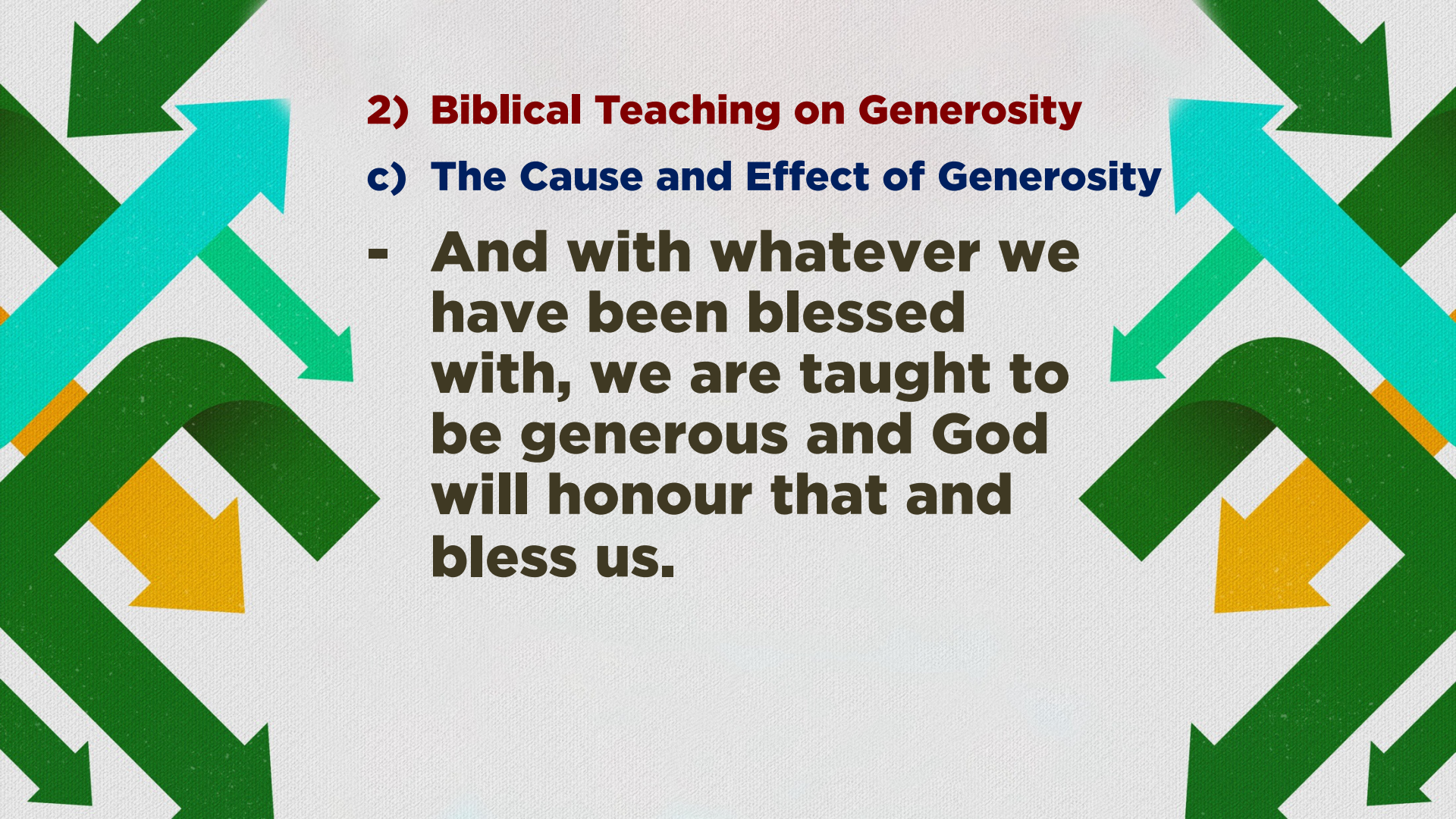
³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.



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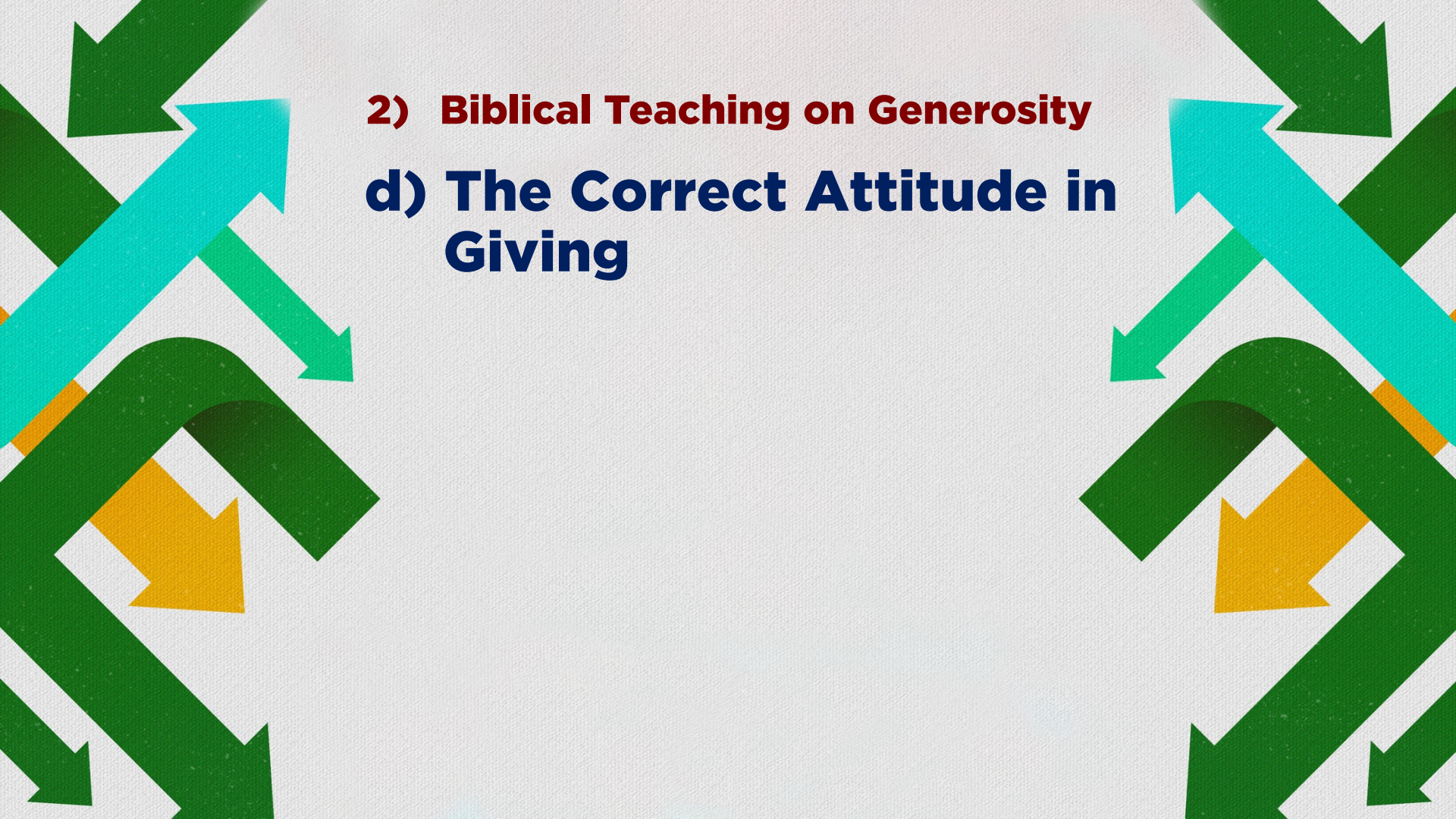
- **Whatever we have been blessed with, it is from God.**



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- **And with whatever we have been blessed with, we are taught to be generous and God will honour that and bless us.**

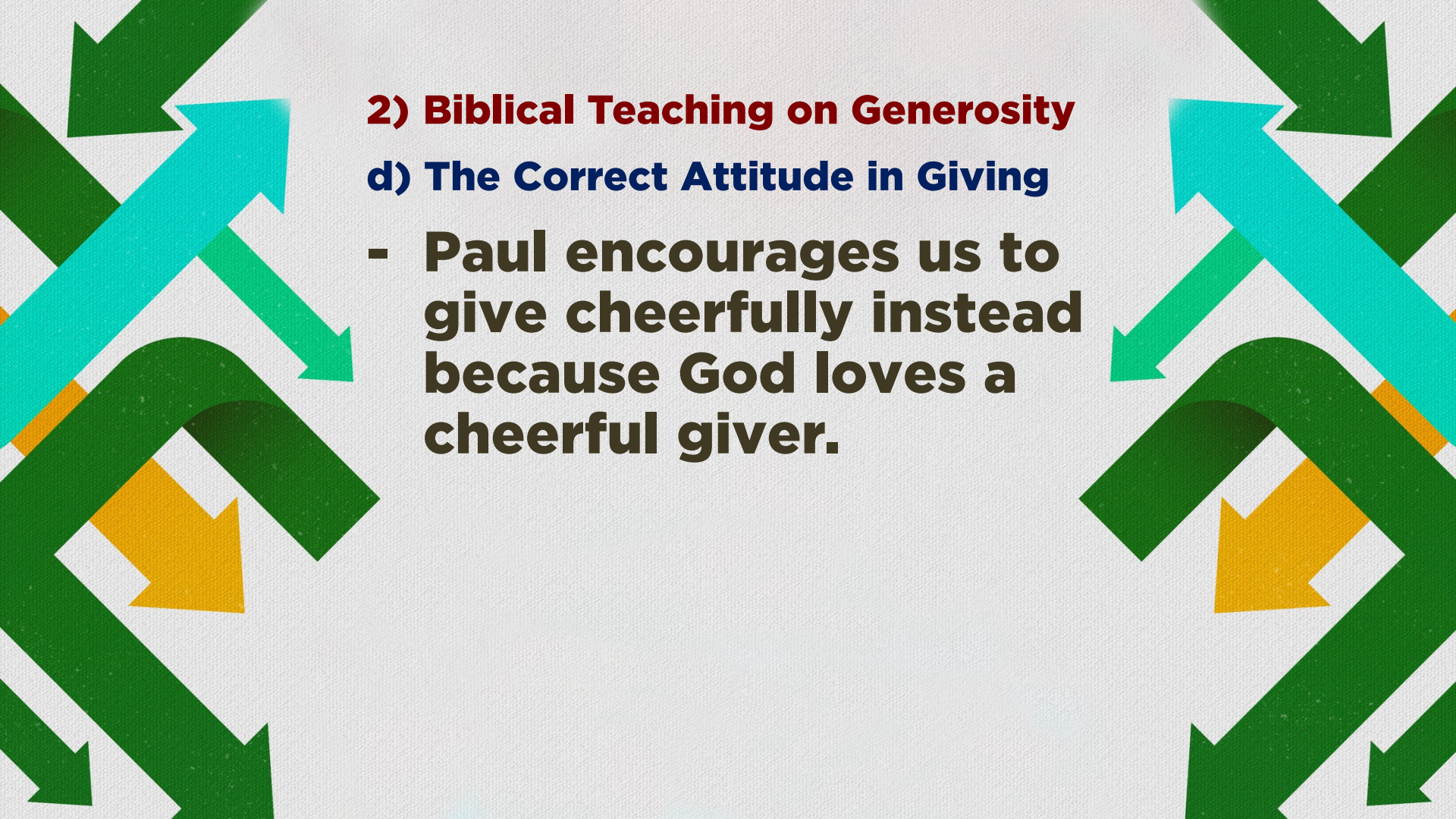


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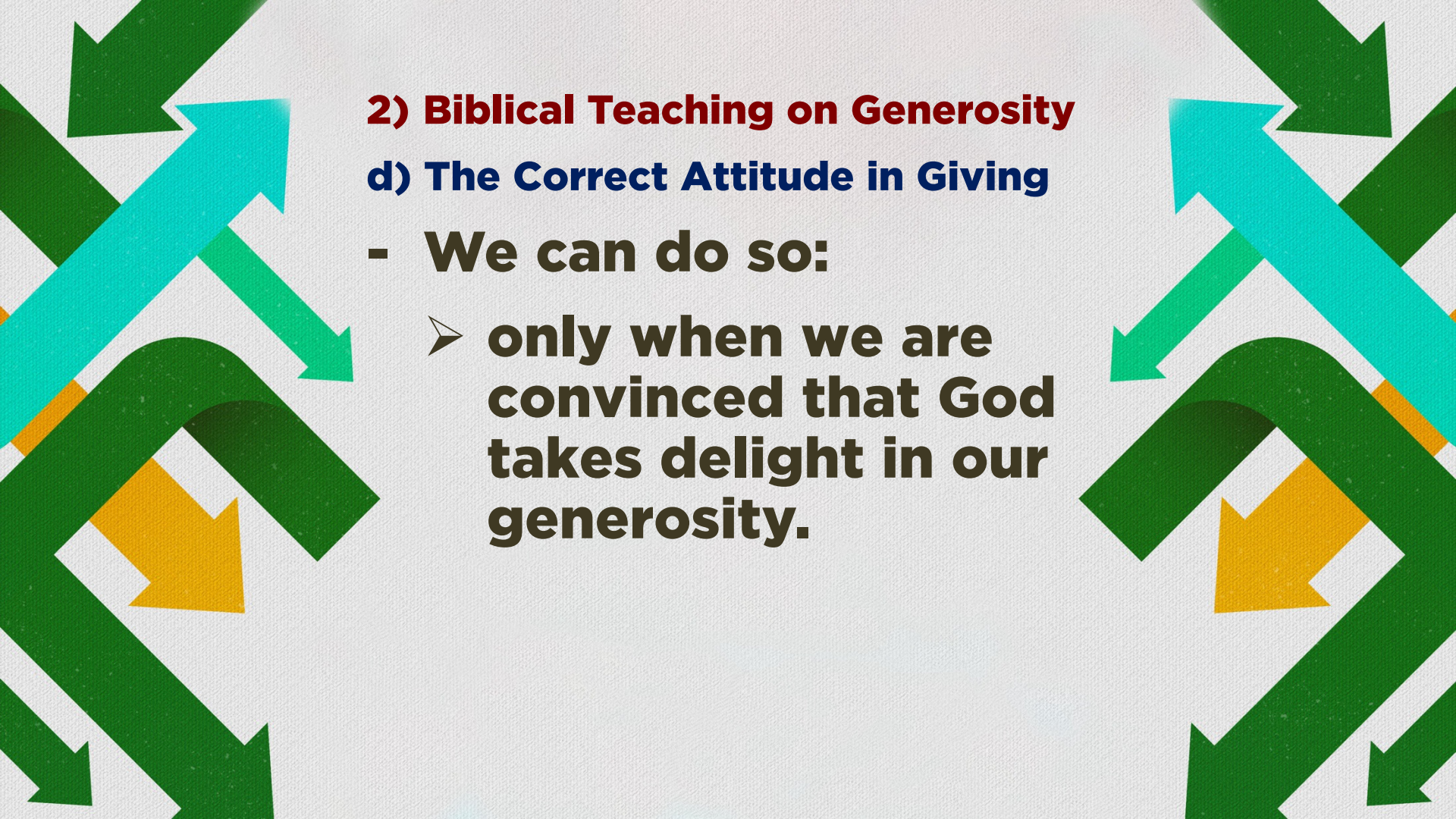
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- **Paul encourages us to give cheerfully instead because God loves a cheerful giver.**

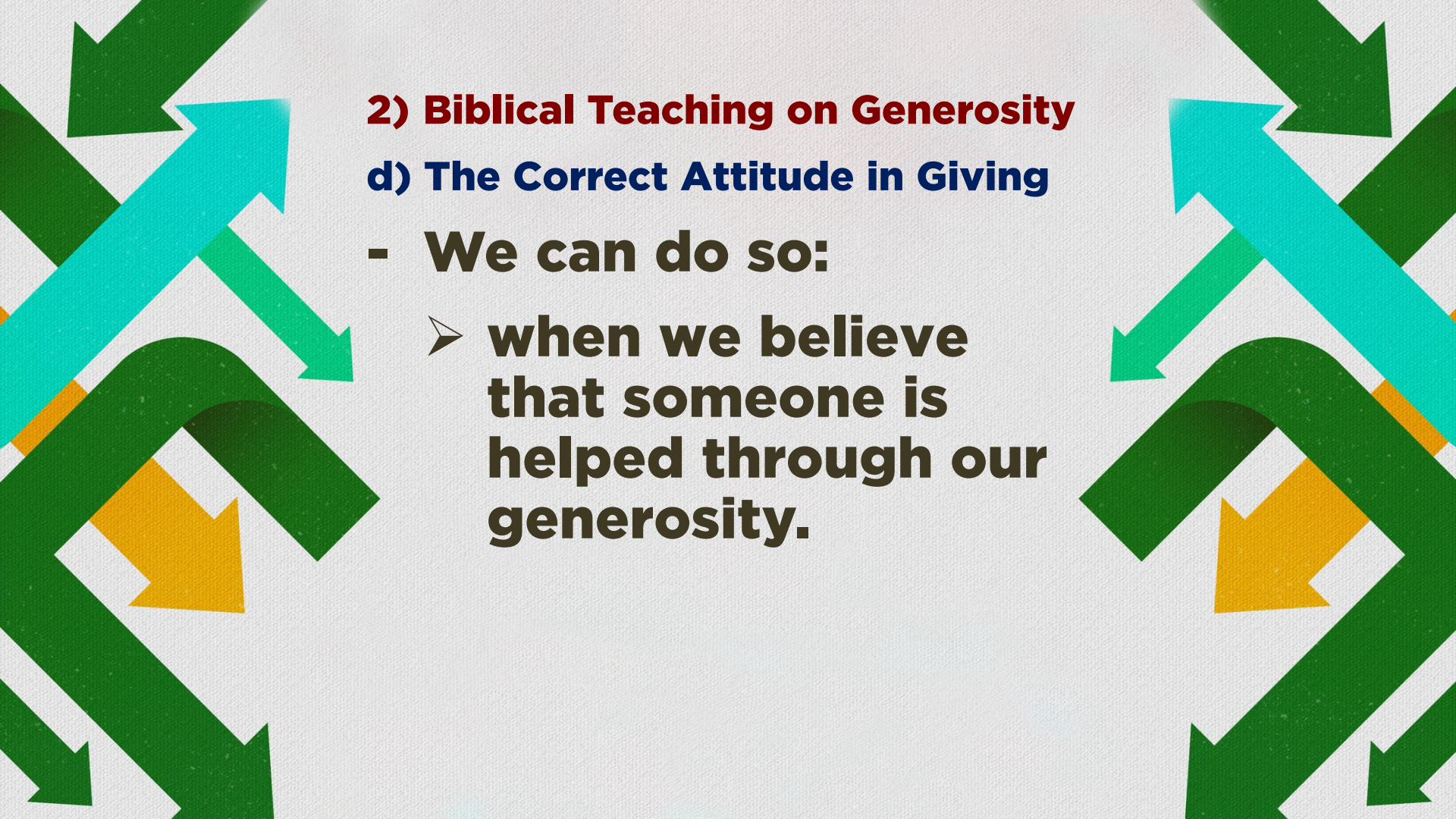


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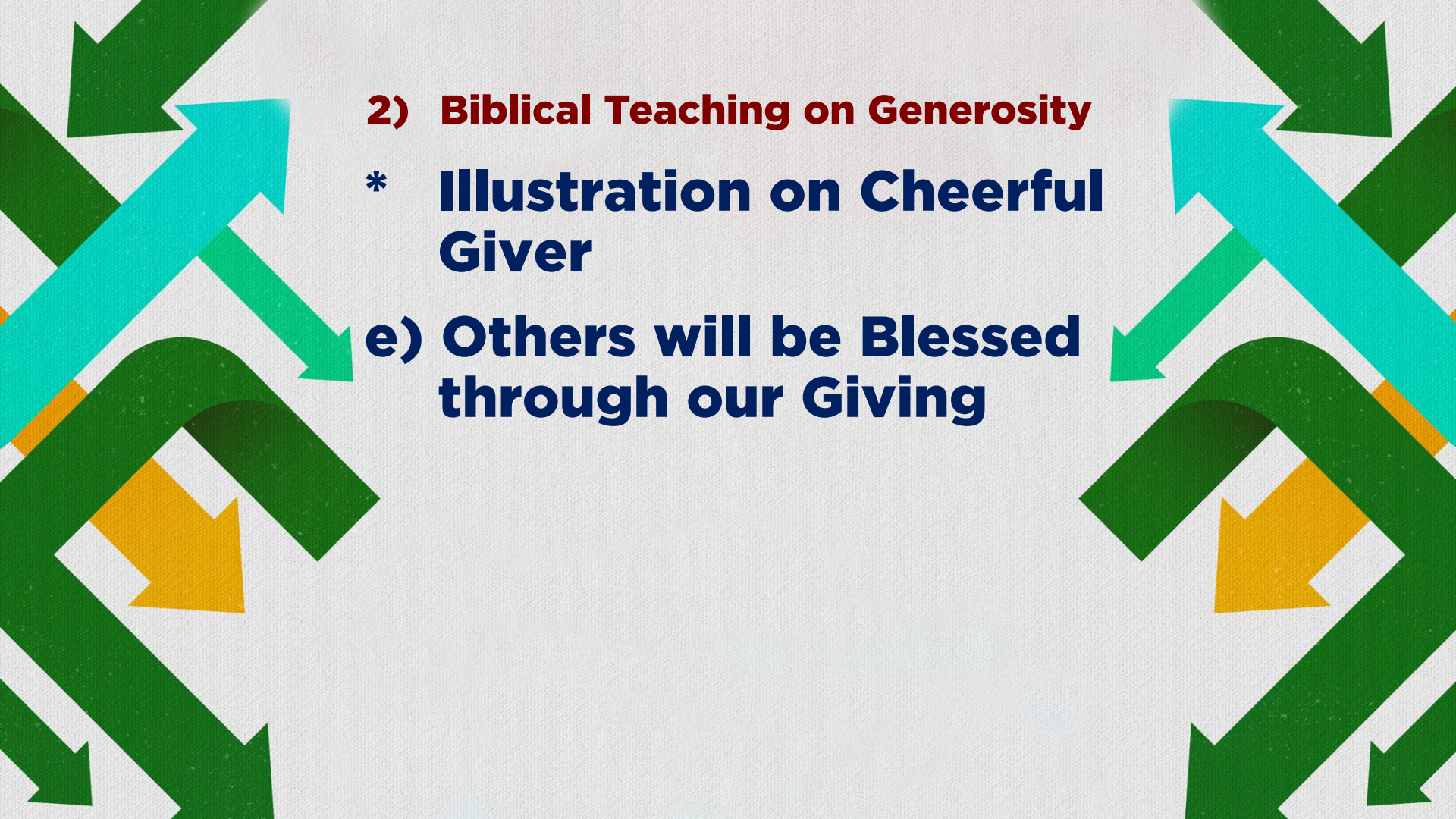


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- We can do so:**

- **when we believe that someone is helped through our generosity.**



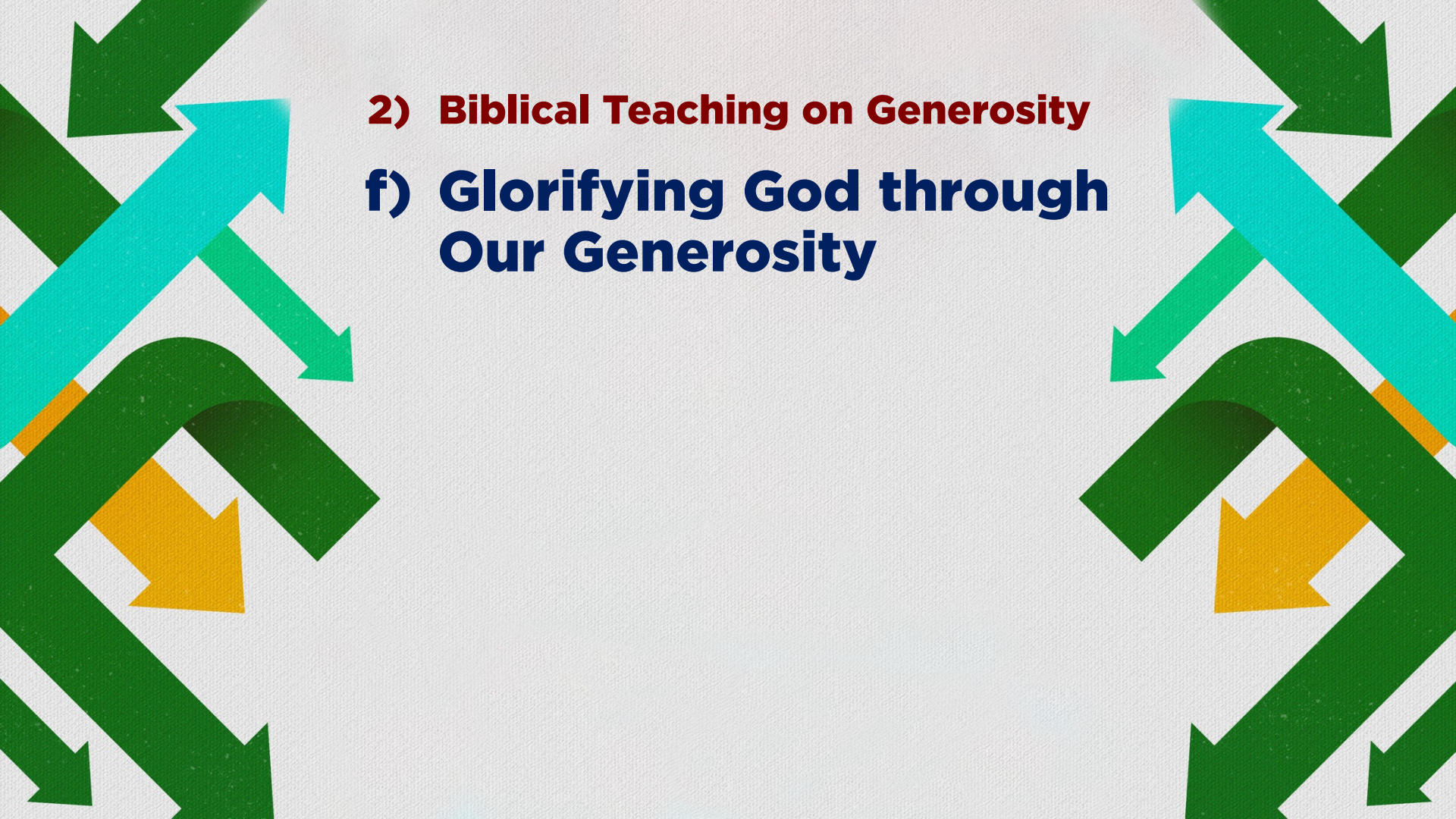
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*** Illustration on Cheerful Giver**

e) Others will be Blessed through our Giving

2 CORINTHIANS 9:12 (NIV)

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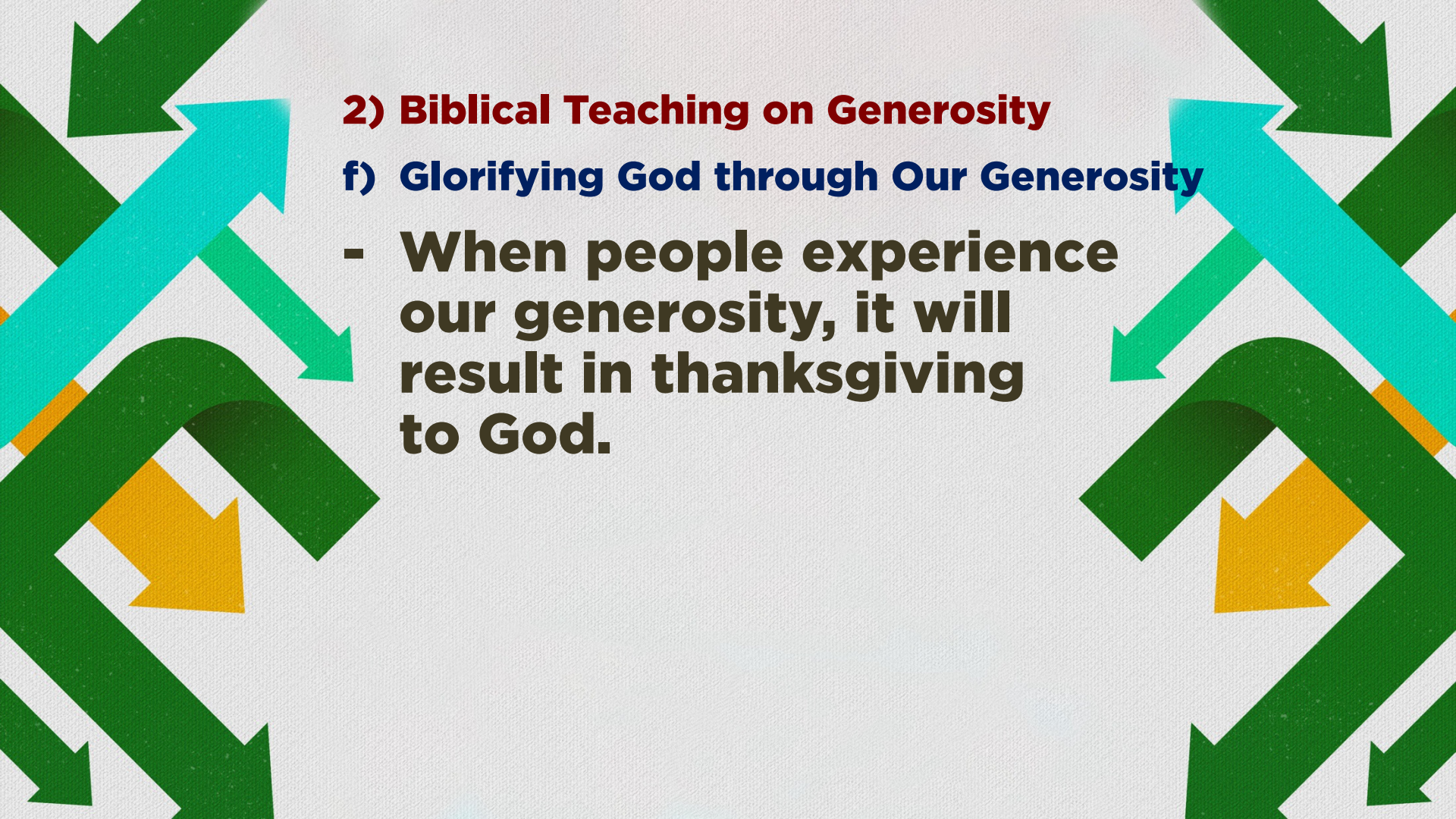
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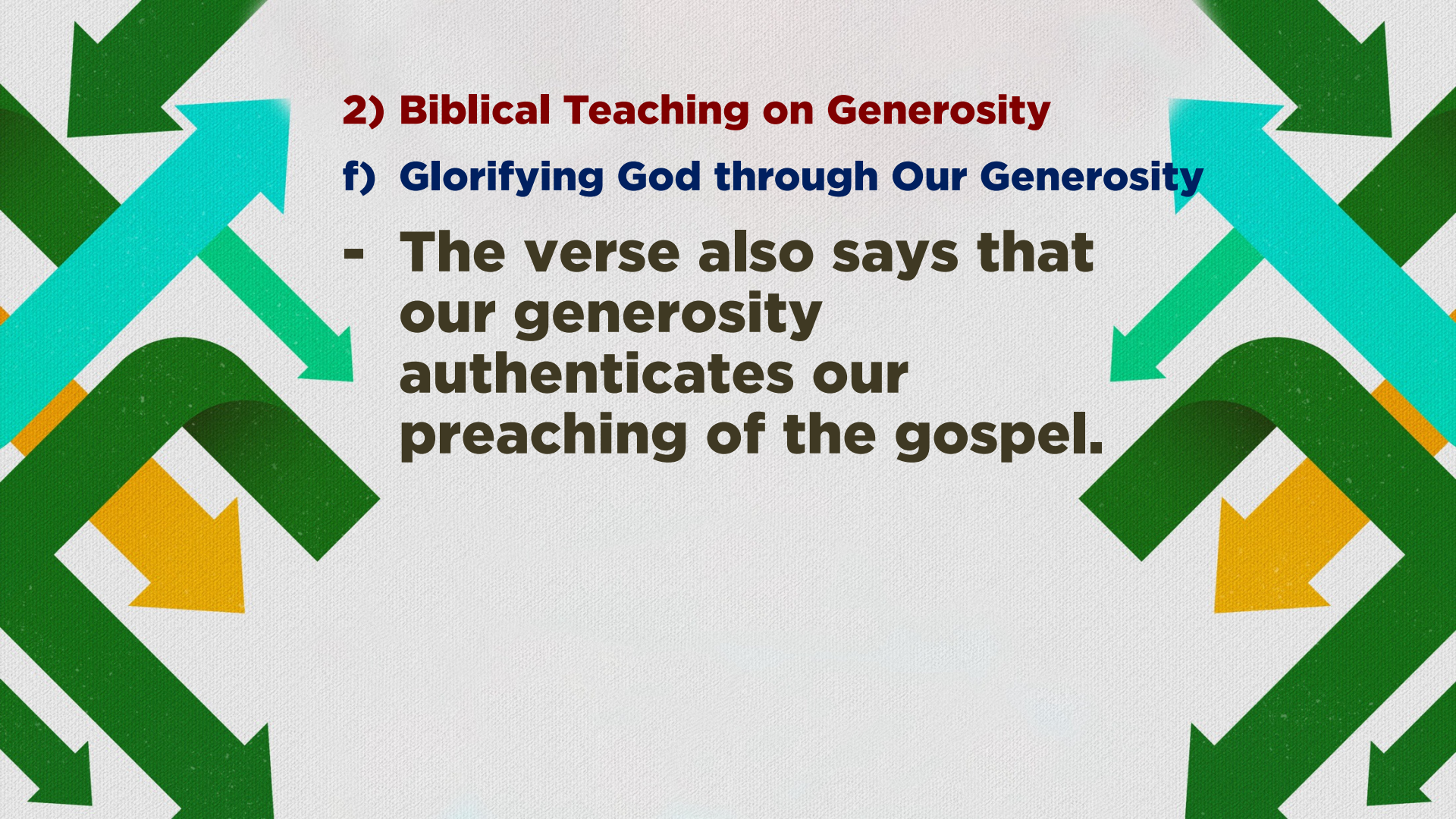
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- When people experience our generosity, it will result in thanksgiving to God.**

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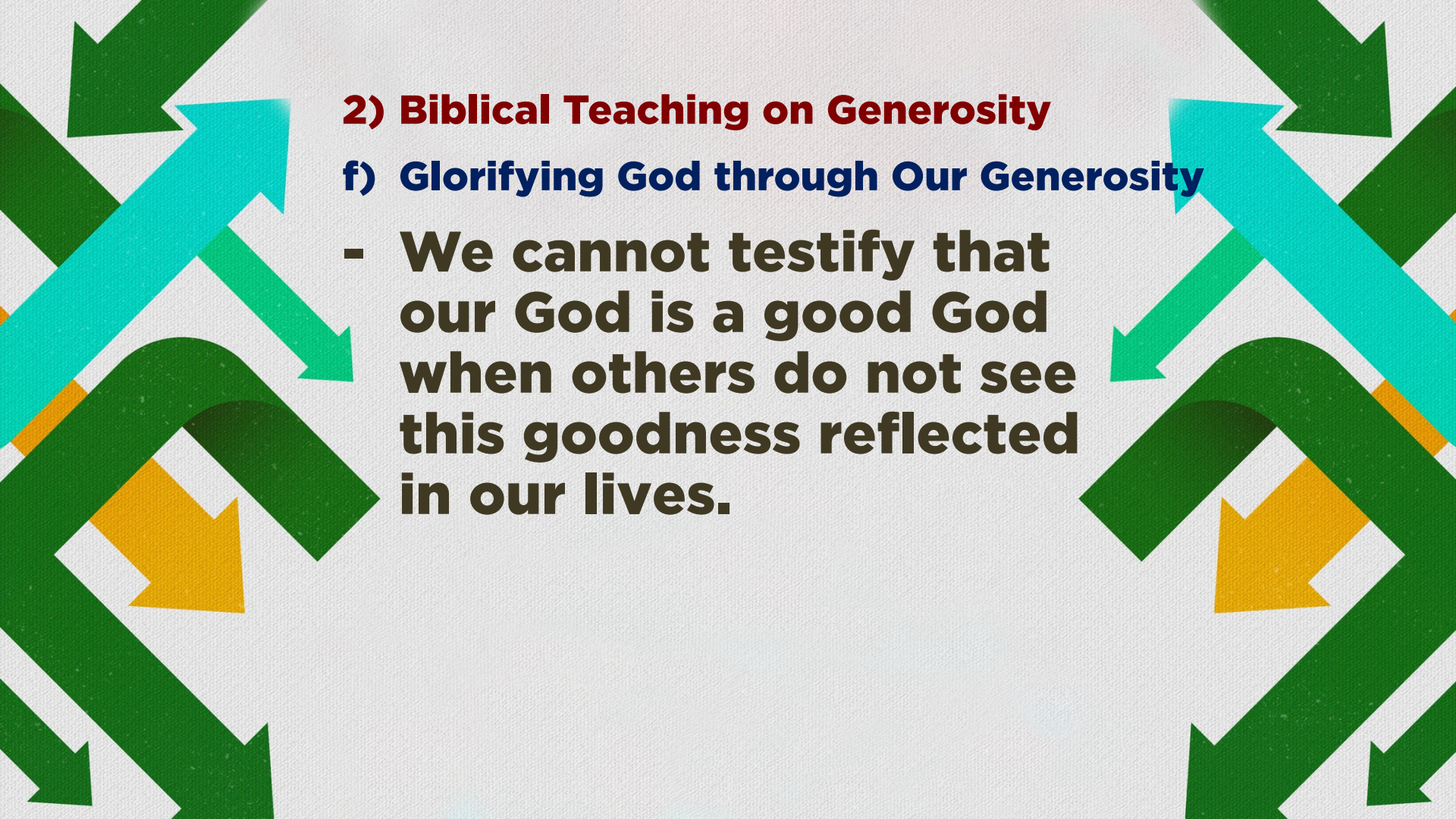
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- The verse also says that our generosity authenticates our preaching of the gospel.**

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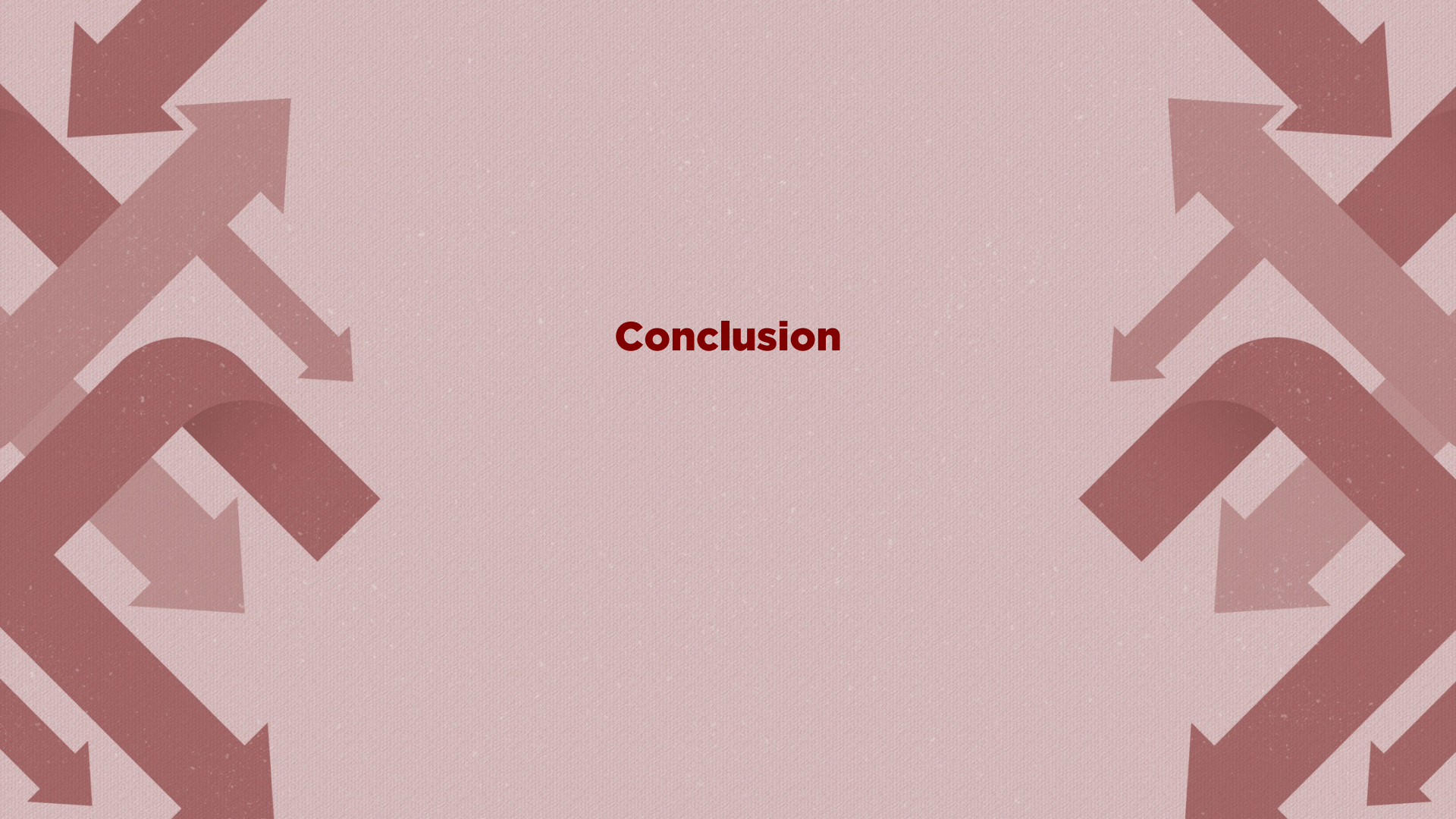
**If anyone has material
possessions and sees a
brother or sister in need but
has no pity on them, how can
the love of God be in that
person?**



2) Biblical Teaching on Generosity

f) Glorifying God through Our Generosity

- We cannot testify that our God is a good God when others do not see this goodness reflected in our lives.**



Conclusion