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# **WHY PROJECT HOPE?**

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## **It's of the Character of God**

Giving to Complete Strangers Is  
Godly Behavior

*"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for*

*me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’ “Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ “And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’” **Matthew 25:34–40, NLT***

## **It’s Meant to Grow Our Faith**

It’s Not Faith Unless I Am Doing More  
Than I Thought Was Possible

“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—

especially to those in the family of faith.” *Galatians 6:9–10, NLT*

## It Redirects Our Focus from Us to The Real Meaning of Christmas

It Costs to Love

“But when the right time finally came, God sent his own Son. He came as the son of a human mother and lived under the Jewish Law, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might become God’s sons and daughters.”

*Galatians 4:4–5, GNB*

## Because It Glorifies God

When I Give to Others I Am Giving to God

“So... whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” 1  
*Corinthians 10:31, ESV*

“Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.”  
*Colossians 3:23, NLT*