

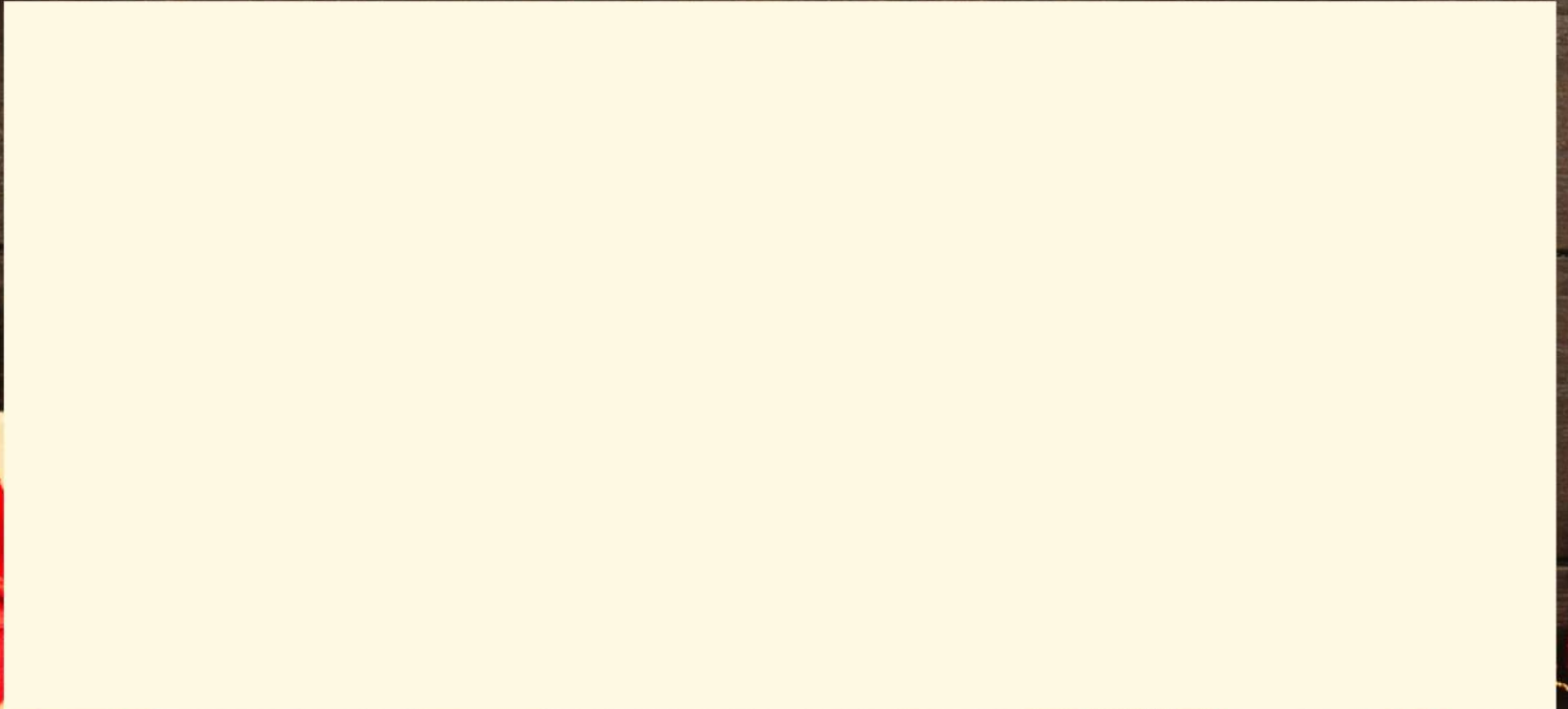


# Grace for Grace

The Reciprocal Nature of Grace  
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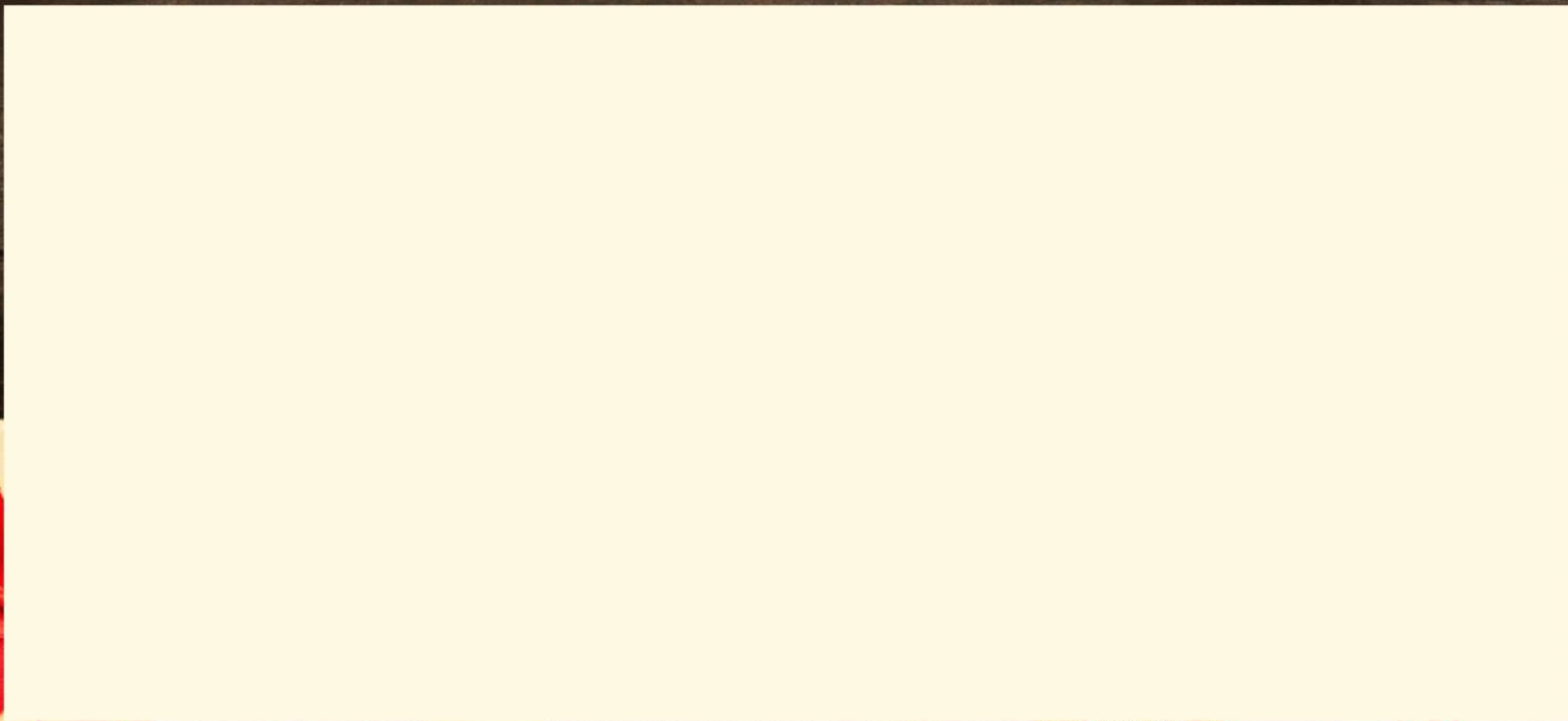
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# Curry on 2 Corinthians

**“This gift of divine grace is the controlling theme of the collection narrative. Grace is personified in Christ (8:9) and manifests itself in both the spirit of generosity (8:4, 6, 7, 19) and thanksgiving (8:16; 9:15) that characterizes the people of God.”**

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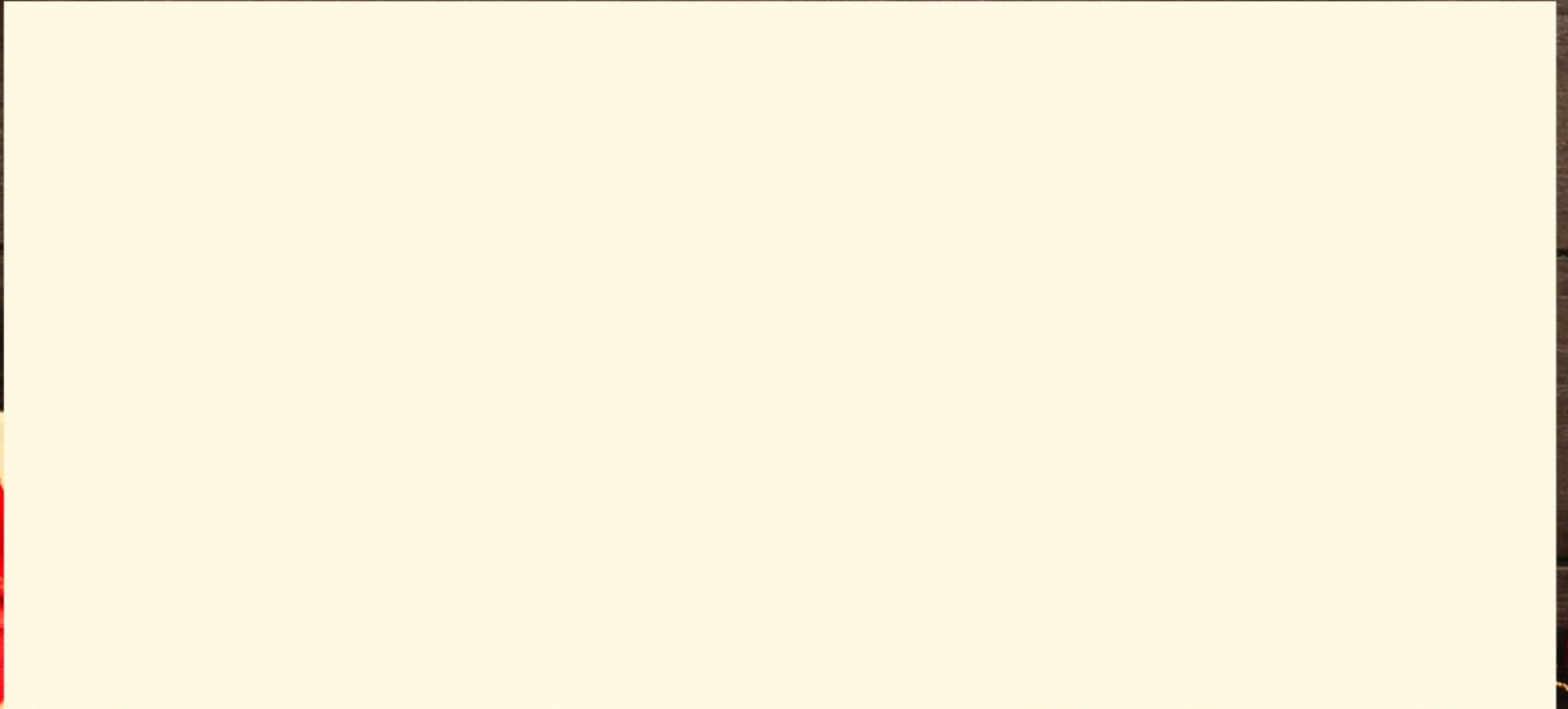
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“So spare also a thought for me; a man should keep in mind the pleasures that he's had, such as they were. For kindness (grace) ever breeds kindness (grace) itself, but should a man be careless of the pleasures he's received, he could no longer keep his reputation for nobility.” (Sophocles, *Ajax*)



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“As to why the Graces are three in number...Some writers think that there is one who bestows a benefit, one who receives it, and a third who returns it; others say that they represent the three sorts of benefactors, those who bestow, those who repay, and those who both receive and repay them. But take whichever you please to be true; what will this knowledge profit us? What is the meaning of this dance of sisters in a circle, hand in hand? It means that the course of a benefit is from hand to hand, back to the giver; that the beauty of the whole chain is lost if a single link fails, and that it is fairest when it proceeds in unbroken regular order.” (Seneca, *On Benefits*)



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“Men must be taught to be willing to give, willing to receive, willing to return; and to place before themselves the high aim, not merely of equaling, but even of surpassing those to whom they are indebted, both in good offices and in good feeling; because the man whose duty it is to repay, can never do so unless he out-does his benefactor... Do thou teach me how I may bestow more good things, and be more grateful to those who have earned my gratitude, and how the minds of both parties may vie with one another, the giver in forgetting, the receiver in remembering his debt.” (Seneca, *On Benefits*)





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