**First, Generous Heart In Hospitality (13)**

1. Paul ***Turns*** From ***Internal*** Posture ***of Heart*** **(12)** = Joy & Hope—Patience & Prayer = Turns ***To Face*** World
   1. Turns To Xpian Way of Life = As Live In Overlap of Ages = In Tribulation Before Return of Jesus
   2. Answering Peter’s Question: 2 Pet. 3:11-12—"***What sort of people ought you to be*** *in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God*” = What ***Sort*** of People
2. Rest of ***Book*** of Rom = ***Closest*** Thing = “***How To***” Manual ***On Xpian*** Life = ***Xpian*** Character & Lifestyle
3. ***This AM =*** Look At ***Core*** Aspects ***of Xpian*** Formation & Character = ***Specifically*** Generosity & Humility
   1. ***Generosity*** = Not ***Just*** W/ Money = ***Big-Heartedness*** = Generosity ***W/ All*** Xpian ***Graces***
   2. ***Generous*** Hospitality—W/ Adversaries—Empathy & Humility = ***Grand*** ***Opening*** Of Hearts ***To People***
4. **(13)** “*In the needs of the saints Participate (Koinonia) seeking—Pursuing* ***Hospitality*** *=* Gk Word ***PhiloZenia***
   1. ***Literally*** = Love ***for Strangers =*** Love ***For*** People ***Who*** Not ***Part*** of Your Community ***=Generally*** Travelers
   2. What ***We Usually*** Mean ***By Hospitality =*** PhiloDelphia = ***Loving*** Brothers & Sisters =
   3. ***Important*** Part ***of Xpian*** Community = ***Breaking*** Bread ***Together*** Church—Homes = ***Philo-delphia***
5. Balanced By ***= Philo-Zenia =*** Love ***For Strangers*** = Generosity ***Of Heart*** = To Traveling ***Saints*** In Need
   1. ***Hosting*** Travelers = Important ***Cultural*** Practice ***= Few*** Inns & Restaurants = Unsavory & Dangerous
   2. Heb. 13:2—"*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares*.” = ***Refers*** ***To*** Abe & Lot = ***Ancient*** Cultural ***Practice*** = Important ***Part*** of Xpian Generosity
   3. Stott—“*Hospitality was especially important in those days, since inns were few and far between, and those that existed were often unsafe or unsavory places. It was essential*...*for Christian people to open their homes to travelers.”* 🡪 Missionaries—Persecuted—***Travelers*** of All ***Kinds*** = Warm—Safe—***Food***
   4. Phil. 2:19—"*I hope…to send Timothy to you soon*” = Where ***Going*** To Stay & Eat? = ***Itinerant*** Preachers
   5. Matt 25:34-35—“*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 foundation of the world. For I was* ***hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me*.”** = Hospitality
6. Ways ***To Practice*** This ***Kind*** of Hospitality: ***Giving*** To GOC = ***Provides*** For Missionary ***Living*** In Foreign Places
   1. Visiting Missionaries = Traveling Friends & Family = Those In Need of Temporary Housing
   2. ***Generosity*** of Heart = ***Making*** Room For = ***Providing For*** = Stranger—Traveler ***God*** Brought ***To Door***
   3. ***Visitors*** To HPC = ***New*** In Our Midst = ***Make*** Room ***For Them*** In Fellowship & Community ***Life*** of Church

**Second, Generous Heart To Adversaries (14)**

1. ***Bless*** Those ***Who*** Persecute You = ***This*** = Generosity ***of Heart*** = Extends ***Even*** To Those ***Who*** Against Us
2. ***Now*** Paul ***Simply*** Quoting Jesus Here = Calling Us To Follow & Imitate ***Jesus***
   1. Lk. 6:27-28—"*I say to you who hear, Love your* ***enemies****, do good to those* ***who hate you****, bless those* ***who curse you****, pray for those who* ***abuse*** *you*.” = Not ***Just*** Not ***Hate*** = Actually ***Bless*** Those ***Who*** Curse
   2. Blessing & Cursing = ***Opposites*** = ***Wish*** Good—Ill 🡪 Health—Harm 🡪 ***Xpian*** Never ***To Wish*** Ill—Harm
3. Jesus ***Calls*** His People = ***To Be*** People ***Of Blessing*** = Doing ***Good*** To Those ***Who*** Persecute—Hate—Curse ***Us***
   1. IOW ***Keep*** Generous ***Heart*** = ***Even*** For Adversaries = ***Repent*** of Hate & Ill Will = ***Open*** Hearts ***To Them***
4. ***Timely*** Word = ***Culture*** = Increasingly—Militantly ***@*** ***Xpian*** Moral ***Values*** =Gender—Sexuality—Abortion
   1. ***Culture*** Used To ***Advocate*** Tolerance = ***Now*** Open ***Hostility*** Against ***Any*** Who ***Hold*** = Biblical ***Ethic***
5. ***Difficult*** Word = ***Bec***/ = Natural ***Instinct*** To Strike ***Back***—Lash ***Out*** At Those = ***Hurting Us*** = To Retaliate
   1. Been ***Sad*** Development ***In Xpian*** Culture = ***Reject*** Jesus’ ***Teaching*** Here = ***Time*** For Xpians ***To Get*** Mean
   2. ***Instead*** of Generous ***Humility*** = No ***More*** Mr Nice Guy = ***Time*** To Be ***Angry***—Mean—Rude—Combative
   3. Not ***Talking*** @ Using ***Legitimate*** Political ***Means*** To Advocate ***For*** Justice—Freedom—Rtness
   4. 1 Pet. 2:23—"*When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly*.” = On Cross ***Prayed*** For Executioners
6. ***Generosity*** Of Heart ***Towards*** Adversaries = ***Those Who*** Persecute You = ***Bless***—***Do Good*** = Never ***Curse***
7. 1 Pet. 3:14-15—“*Even if you should* ***suffer*** *for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect*” = Generosity ***of Heart*** = Not ***Afraid***—Not ***Troubled*** = But ***Honors*** Xp ***= Bear Witness*** W/ Respect
8. ***Calls*** For Supernatural ***Grace*** To Bless & Do Good ***To Those*** ***Hate Us*** = Resist & Repent ***of Hating*** = Bless
   1. Just As ***Patient*** Endurance & Joy = ***In Xp Jesus*** = Also ***Generosity*** of Heart =***Towards*** Those ***Who*** Hurt Us

**Third, Generous Heart In Empathy (15)**

1. **(15)** The Generous ***of Heart*** = Not ***Stand*** Aloof ***From*** Other ***People’s*** Joys & Sorrows = Cares & Enters In
   1. This Easier ***In Community*** = Share ***So Much*** Together = ***Entering*** ***Into*** Each ***Other’s*** Joys & Pain
   2. Visiting People In Crisis—Cards—Meals—Showers & Weddings—Visitations & Funerals = Participating
2. This ***Also*** Area = ***Many of Us*** Can ***Struggle*** = W/ Jealousy ***at Success*** of Others =***Find*** Selves ***Focusing*** On Self
   1. Sometimes ***Even*** Struggle ***This Way*** W/ Friends =More Often W/ Adversaries = Hard To Love Them Well
   2. ***Sometimes*** Struggle W/ ***Inner*** Satisfaction ***When*** Someone ***Stumbles***—Fails—Suffers =
   3. Why Do the Wicked Prosper = Jealous—Bitter = Or Tempted To Gloat—Rejoice When They Stumble
   4. Prov 24:17—"*Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles*”
   5. Prov 17:5—“*He who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished*.” 🡪 ***Why***? = Bec/ ***God*** Not ***Like*** That
   6. James 5:11—“*The Lord is compassionate and merciful*” = ***Takes*** No ***Pleasure*** In Destruction ***of Wicked***
3. Boice—“*There is only one way to break out of this. We have to stop thinking of ourselves and our own interests all the time, and the only way we can do that is by a transformation accomplished in us by Jesus Christ.”* = ***Only*** Generous ***Heart*** of Christ = Can Set Our Hearts Free = Into Life of Big Hearted Empathy
   1. A Generosity Of Heart = Enters Into Experiences of Others = Identifies W/ Them = What Going Thru
   2. Not Only Our Brother & Sisters ***In Xp*** = But ***Those*** Not ***Know*** Jesus = ***Our Hearts*** = Go Out ***To Lost***

**Finally, Generous Heart of Humility (16)**

1. All Of This Requires = Genuine Humility = **(16)** Live In Harmony = Be Of Same Mind Towards Each Other
   1. Easy To Get Along W/ 🡪 Not Stirring Problems 🡪 Insisting On Own Way = Not Pushing Own Agenda
2. Do Not ***Be*** Haughty = ***Literally*** = Not ***Think*** Too ***Highly*** of Selves = ***Bookends W/*** **(3)** = Not ***Full*** Selves
   1. 2 Things: ***Willing*** To Associate ***W/ Lowly*** 🡪 Never ***Be Wise*** In Own Eyes = This Would Be Helpful
   2. How Many of Us Think = All Figured Out = Struggle To Tolerate Those Who Disagree W/ Our Wisdom
   3. God Says = Hold Your Views W/ Deep Humility = Not Let Your Sense of Being Right Cause Division
3. Talking About Radical Change of Heart = Natural Tendency = To Trust In Our Own Rightness = Thinking
   1. Being Wise In Own Eyes = Separates & Divides = God Calling For Unity—Harmony—Brotherly Love
   2. Breaks ***Down*** Every ***Barrier*** W/ Brothers & Sisters = ***Economics***—Politics—Race—Education—Gifting
4. Generous Humility = Delivers Death Blow To Our Pride = Requires Full Blown Crucifixion of Old Self—Flesh
   1. Gal. 5:24-26—“*Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another* = Crucified ***Self***—Fulness ***Of Spirit*** =Death ***Blow*** To Conceit—Pride—Envy
5. ***Hearts*** Naturally ***Constricted*** = Selfish—Stingy—Grudging—***Wise*** In Selves = ***Gravity*** of Self ***Holds*** ***Us*** Back
   1. But ***God*** Wants ***To Make Us*** Big Hearted—Generous ***W/ All*** Xpian ***Graces*** = To Set Us ***Free*** From ***Selves***
6. Leave You ***W/ Image*** of Grinch = ***Small*** Stingy—Grudging ***Heart*** = But ***On Xmas*** Morning = ***Grew*** 3 Sizes
   1. True Meaning of Xmas Came Thru = Found ***Strength*** of 10 Grinches +2 = ***Understood*** Grace of God
7. Remember = Paul Appealing To Church = By Mercies Of God = Offer Selves To Him Living Sacrifices
   1. Calling For Radical Change of Heart = Grow Many Sizes = Into Bigness of Heart = Room For Everyone
   2. For Strangers—Even Our Enemies—For Prospering & Hurting—For Those Who Are Different—Lowly
8. Heart of God Big Enough = To So Love World = Gave Only Son = To Set Our Hearts Free From Self
   1. ***May*** God ***Form*** In Us = ***Humble***—Generous—Welcoming—Gracious ***Hearts*** = Hearts ***Like*** His