

# LIVING STONES OF EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY



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## 1 Peter 2: 4-5 (NKJV)

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

## 4 key Spiritual sacrifices

1. **Passionate Praise and Worship**
2. **Fervent Prayer**
3. **Cross-centred Mercy**
4. **Extravagant Generosity**

# Live Generously

**Matthew 10:8 (The Message)**

***<sup>8</sup> Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead.  
Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons.  
You have been treated generously, so live  
generously.***

**Freely you have received, now freely give.**



# Power Problems



# The invasion of Life-Light

John 1:1-5 (ESV)

*<sup>1</sup>“ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men.*

# The invasion of Life-Light

John1:1-5(ESV)

*<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*



# Kingdom of darkness = death

## Matthew 4:15-16(MSG)

*<sup>15</sup> Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, road to the sea, over Jordan, Galilee, crossroads for the nations. People sitting out their lives in the dark saw a huge light; sitting in that dark, dark country of death, they watched the sun come up.*





# Kingdom of light = life

## Matthew 4:15-17 (MSG)

*<sup>17</sup> This Isaiah-prophesied sermon came to life in Galilee the moment Jesus started preaching. He picked up where John left off: “Change your life. God’s kingdom is here.”*

*Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand  
(NKJV)*

# Kingdom of darkness = death

Infant mortality, stunted physical and mental growth, death to curable diseases, vulnerability to sex trafficking and slave labour, violence against women and children, substance abuse, neglect of orphans and physically and mentally handicapped people....

# Kingdom of darkness = death

[The Global Report for Research on Infectious Diseases of Poverty](#) “Poverty creates

conditions that favour the spread of infectious diseases and prevents affected populations from obtaining adequate access to prevention and care. Ultimately, these diseases... disproportionately affect people living in poor or marginalised communities.



# Kingdom of darkness = death

Social, economic and biological factors interact to drive a vicious cycle of poverty and disease from which, for many people, there is no escape.”

Poverty = slavery to no options

# Holy Spirit priority

Luke 4:18 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because *he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.* He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed....

# Clash of opposing kingdoms

## John 10:10 (AMP)

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].











# The impact of living generously

1. Invasive / incarnational and confrontational / counter-cultural
2. Transformative / continuous
3. Communal / partnership
4. Transgenerational / outlasts our own lives



# 1. Invasive and confrontational

## Luke 9:23 (AMP)

“If anyone wishes to follow Me (as My disciple], he must deny himself (set aside selfish interests), and take up his cross daily (expressing a willingness to endure whatever may come) and follow Me (believing in Me, conforming to My example in living and, if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of faith in Me).



# 1. Invasive and confrontational

The spirit of generosity (the Spirit of Christ) invaded and confronted his spirituality and his professional life. It flowed from his prayer life into his budget, his time, his career and his very future.



# 1. Invasive and confrontational

At its essence, the gospel to the poor: this lifestyle of generosity, is **invasive and counter cultural**. There is no way we can expect to live it, really live it, and not have it disrupt our family routines, our holidays, our priorities, our board meetings, our budgets and even the way we do church, family and business.

## 2. Transformational

Romans 12:2 (NKJV):

<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

*transformed and progressively changed (AMP)*

Don't become so well adjusted to your culture that you fit in without thinking (MSG)

## 2. Transformational

Clash of kingdom of light vs kingdom of darkness:

- Fatherlessness and sense of illegitimacy
- Alcohol abuse and marital disintegration
- Sexual abuse
- Poor education
- Political segregation



## 2. Transformational

Fatherhood  
and Illegitimacy





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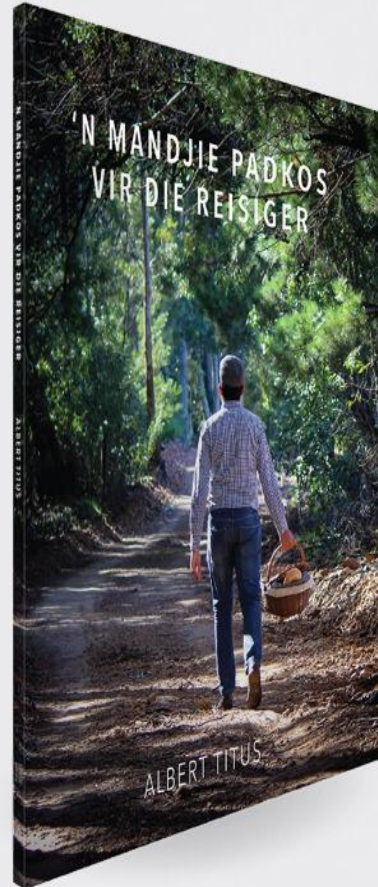
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Sexual **X** abuse



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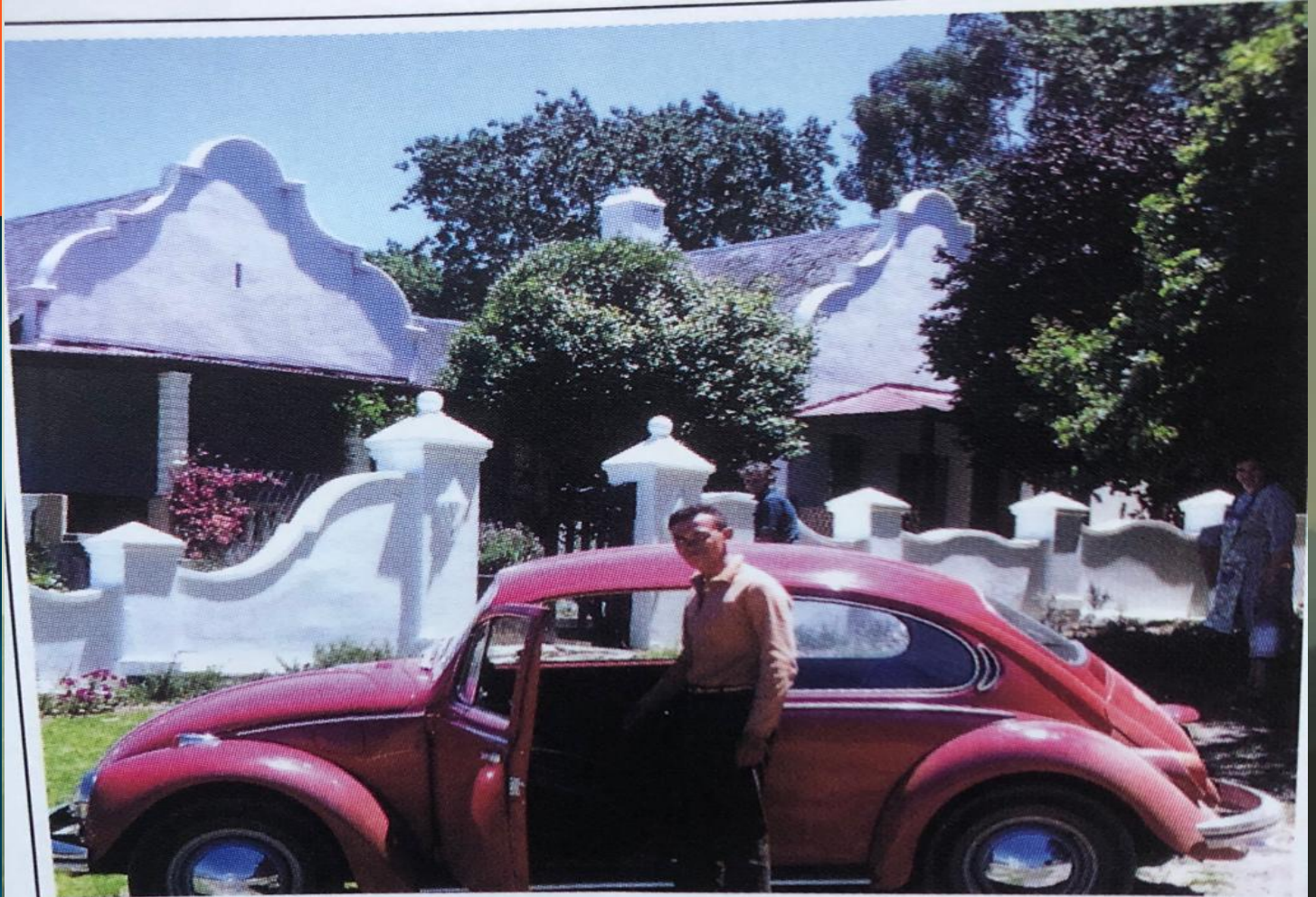
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## 2. Transformational

Poor Education



*Albertus Titus by die Volkswagen wat ons aan hom geskenk het.*



## 2. Transformational



Political segregation



# DOING SMALL THINGS

## Matthew 25:40 (The Message)

*<sup>40</sup> Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'*

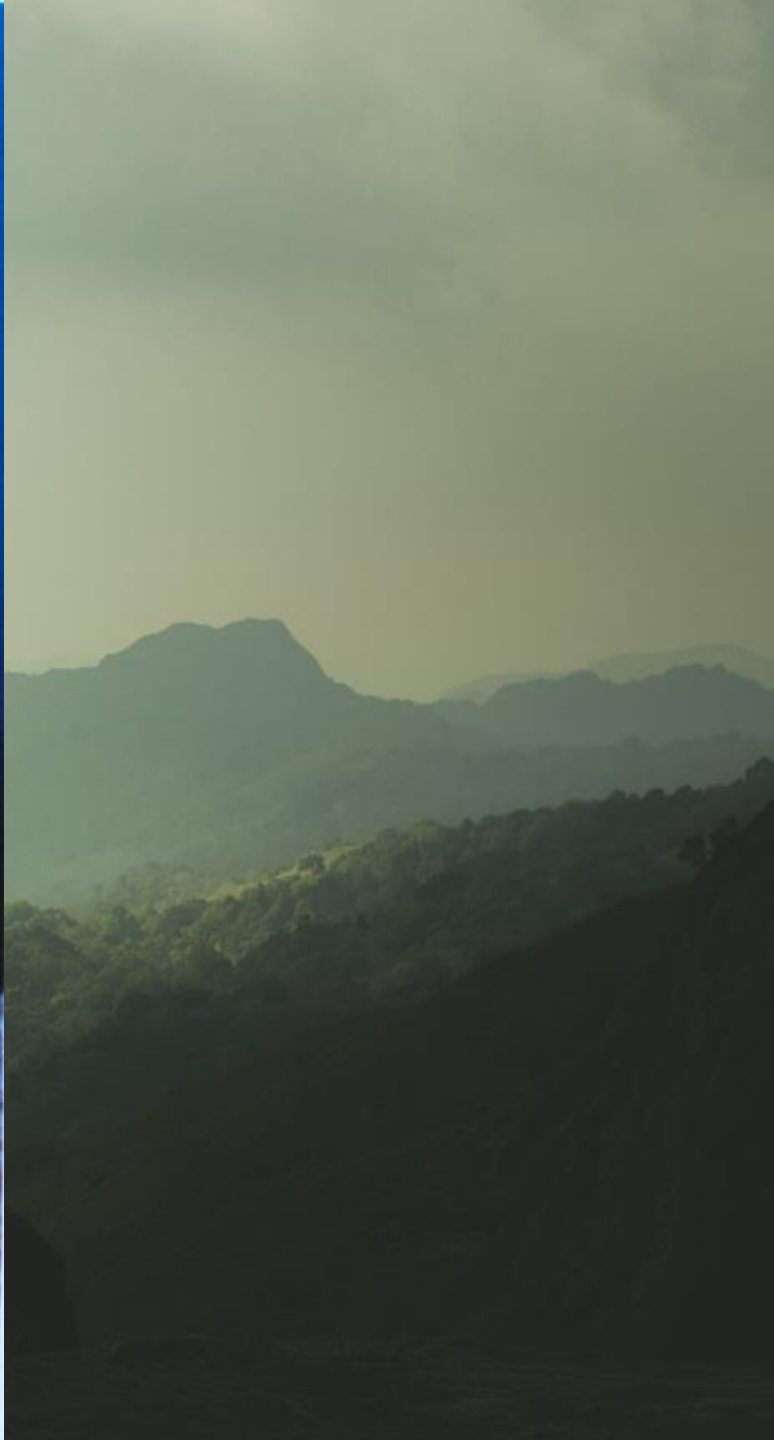
# DOING SMALL THINGS

- Are you ready to receive an anointing to live generously?
- Are you willing to be invaded and confronted by the spirit of generosity?
- Where do you need to be transformed by the gospel?
- What is one small step of obedience you can take?



## 4. Transgenerational generosity







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*Psalm 145: 4 (ESV)*

*<sup>4</sup> One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.*

*Being a generous church family community, often speaks more powerfully than outward, once off acts.*





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