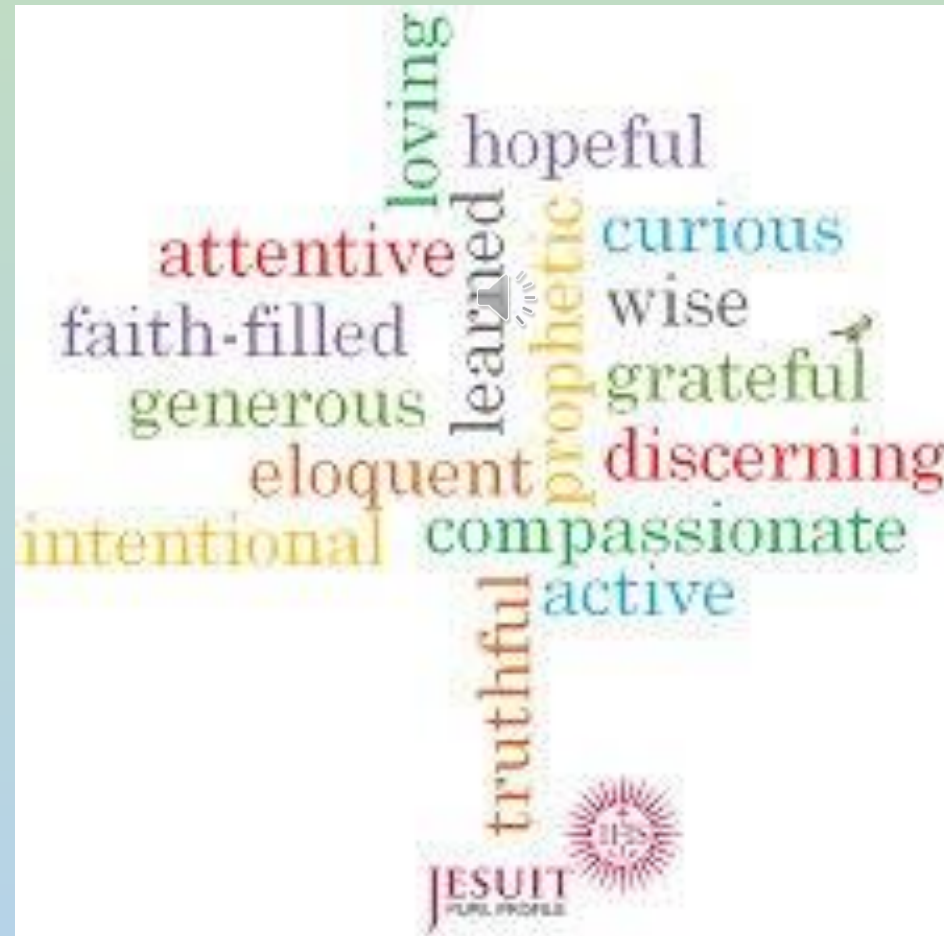


Grateful and Generous

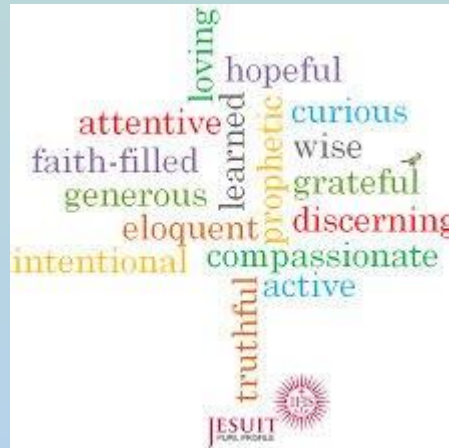




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Grateful

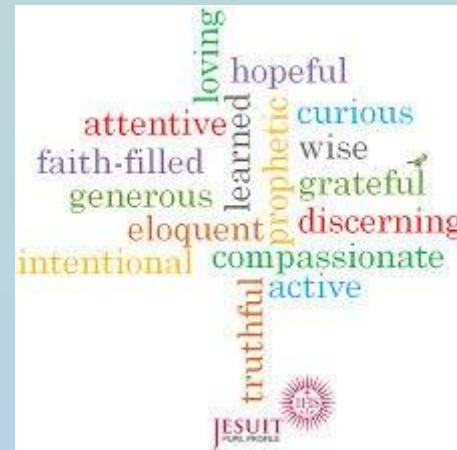
We are grateful for the gifts God has given to us, for the gifts of other people and the blessings of each new day. We are thankful for what we have and for the people around us.

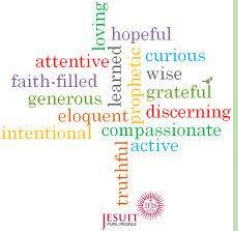




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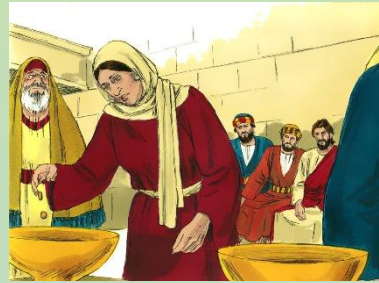
We are generous with our gifts and use them in the service of others. We are generous with our time and give of ourselves to serve others as God wants us to. We are generous with our actions, doing things to help other people and make a difference in the world.





'The Widow's Mite'

(Mark 12:41–44, Luke 21:1–4)



Jesus had been teaching in the Temple. But now he sat down near the treasury and watched as the many visitors to the Temple passed by and dropped money into the collecting box to help with God's work. The rich men dressed in fine robes threw in handfuls of coins as they passed, without a thought. But then a poor widow came by, paused, and placed just two mites (tiny coins) into the box. Jesus called his disciples to him and told them what he had seen. Then he said to them, "Let me tell you, this poor widow gave more than all those people who threw many coins into the treasury. The wealthy men gave just a small part of their riches which made no difference to them. But the widow gave all that she had."





What is the message of the reading? How does it relate to the virtues Grateful and Generous?

Even though the Widow didn't have much, she was grateful for what she did have. So by giving what little she could she acted generously, giving thanks to God in her actions.



*How can you be Grateful and Generous in your life?
Think about what is happening in our world at the moment...
Can you draw a picture or write your own prayer?*





Generous God,

Make our hearts like yours, always ready to give.

Help us to see opportunities to give our time, so we can
achieve amazing things together.

Teach us to be grateful for all the good gifts in our lives
and to be generous when giving to others.

Amen



Grateful and Generous

