

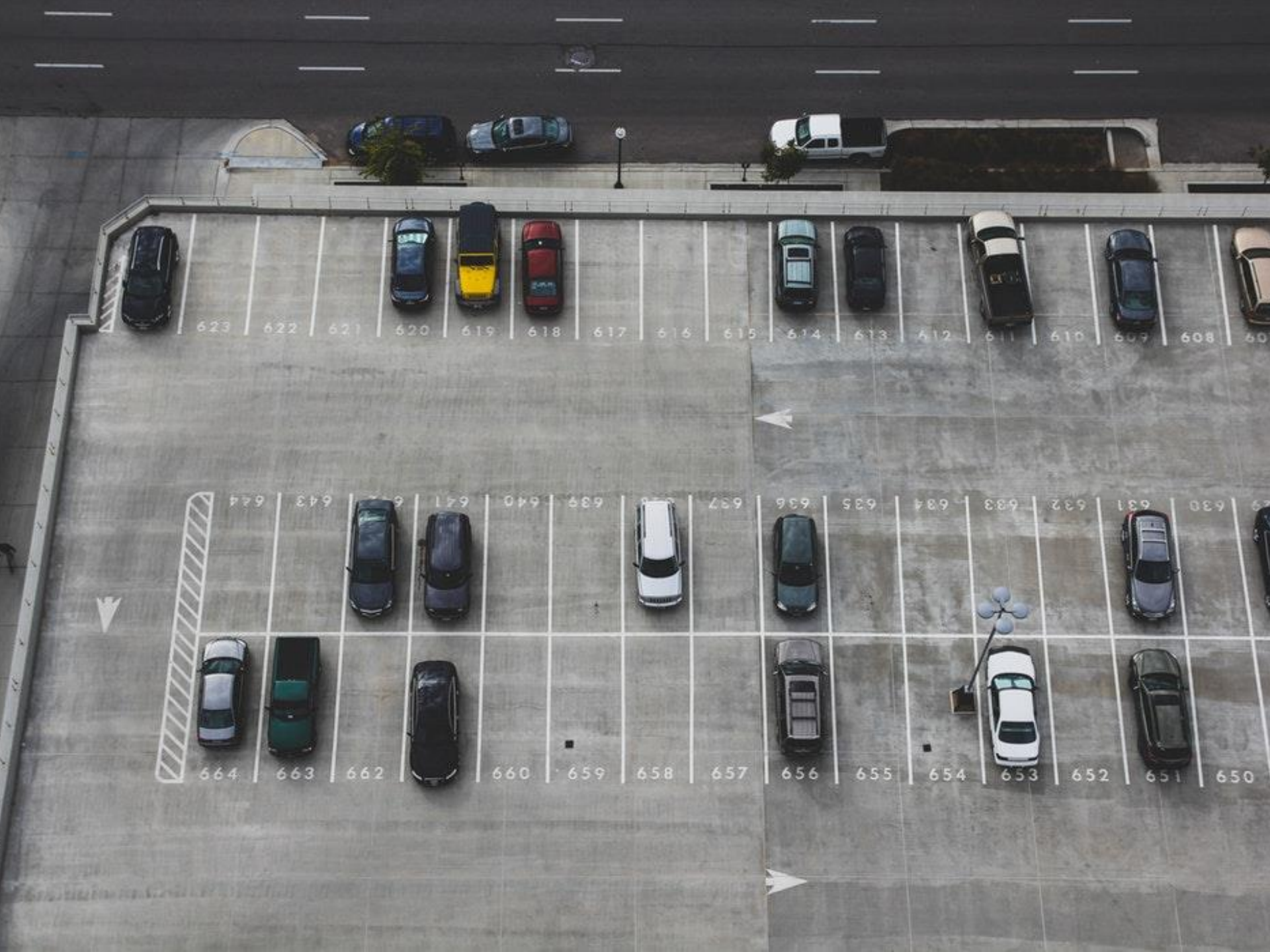
GIVING





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HOW GREAT YOUR LOVE IS
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For God so loved the
world that he GAVE



John 3:16





Rome
(Civitavecchia)

ITALY

Ponza

Sorrento

Giardini Naxos

SICILY

Valletta

Mediterranean Sea

GREECE

Itea
(Delphi)

Corinth

Athens
(Piraeus)

Fiskardo

Corinth Canal

Milos

Santorini

8 ¹And now, brothers and sisters,
we want you to know about the
grace that God has given the
Macedonian churches. ² In the
midst of a very severe trial, their
overflowing joy and their
extreme poverty welled up in
rich generosity.

3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.

Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

5 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. 6 So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part.

7 But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

8 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

10 And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. 11 Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.

12 For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

13 Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality.

14 At the present time your plenty
will supply what they need, so that
in turn their plenty will supply what
you need. The goal is equality, 15 as
it is written: “The one who
gathered much did not have too
much, and the one who gathered
little did not have too little.”



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Aristides to Cesar:

“They love one another, and he, who has, gives to him who has not, without boasting. And when they see a stranger they take him into their homes and rejoice over him as a very brother...

Aristides to Cesar:

...and if there is one among them who is poor and needy, and if they have no spare food, they will fast for two or three days in order to supply to the needy their lack of food. Such, O King, is their manner of life, and verily, this is a new people and there is something divine in the midst of them.”



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