

SERMON NOTES

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Psalms 112:5 *Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.*

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