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**THE BENEFIT OF WANTING
TO BE GENEROUS**

2 CORINTHIANS 8:10–15

And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it.

2 Corinthians 8:10



**PAUL DOES NOT REMIND
THEM OF WHAT THEY GAVE.**

**HE REMINDS THEM OF
WHAT THEY WANTED.**

**REMEMBER WHAT YOU REALLY
DESIRE BEFORE OTHER DESIRES
CROWD IT OUT. (V.10)**



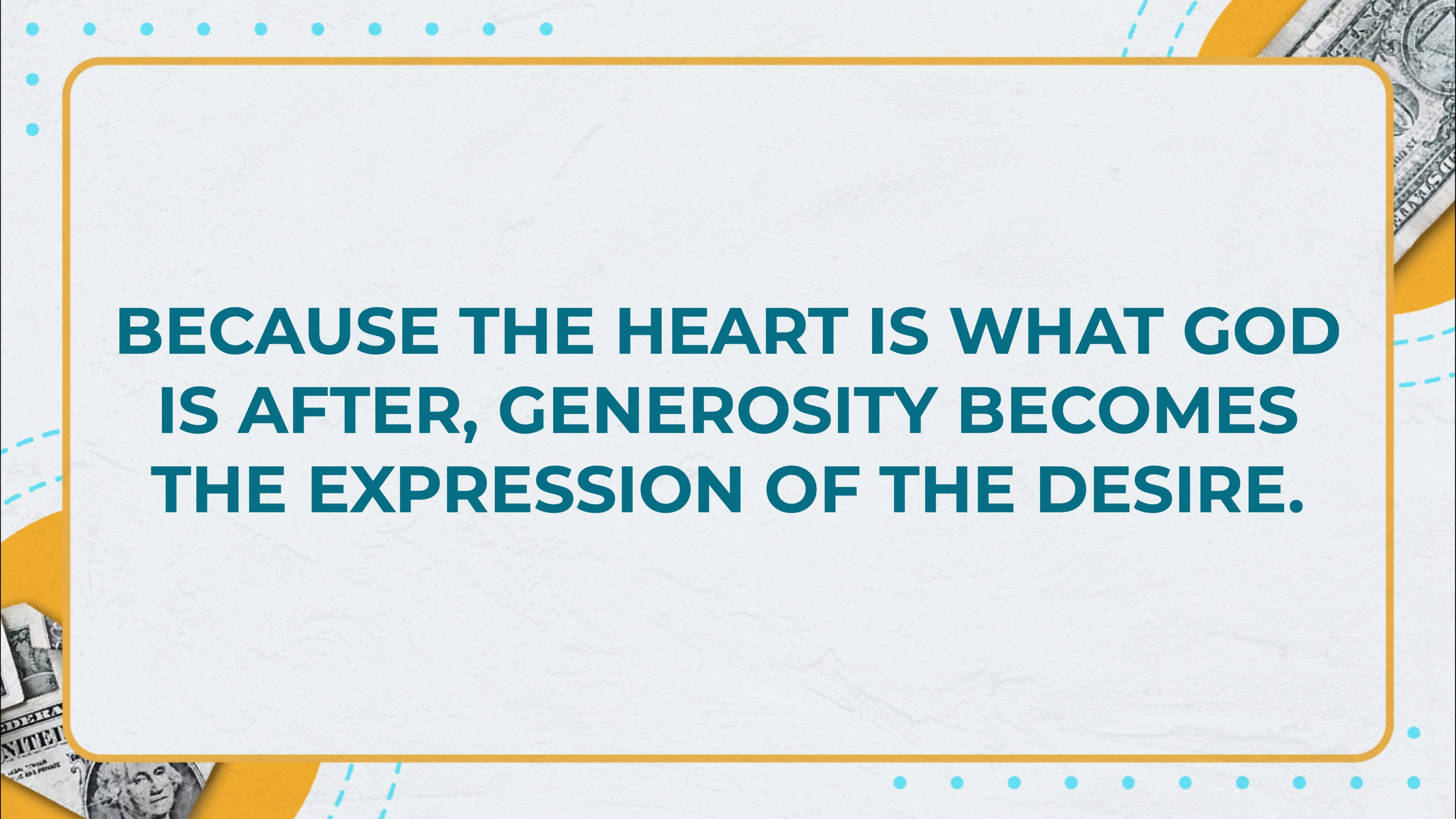
**GOD MEASURES GENEROSITY BY
WILLINGNESS, NOT CAPACITY.**



**“THE HEART OF THE GIVER MAKES
THE GIFT DEAR AND PRECIOUS.”**

— MARTIN LUTHER

**ACCEPTABILITY OF THE
GIFT IS BASED ON DESIRE,
NOT DONATION. (VV.11-12)**



**BECAUSE THE HEART IS WHAT GOD
IS AFTER, GENEROSITY BECOMES
THE EXPRESSION OF THE DESIRE.**

For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

2 Corinthians 8:13-15



**DESIRE LEADS YOU INTO
DEPENDENCE ON GOD. (VV.13-15)**



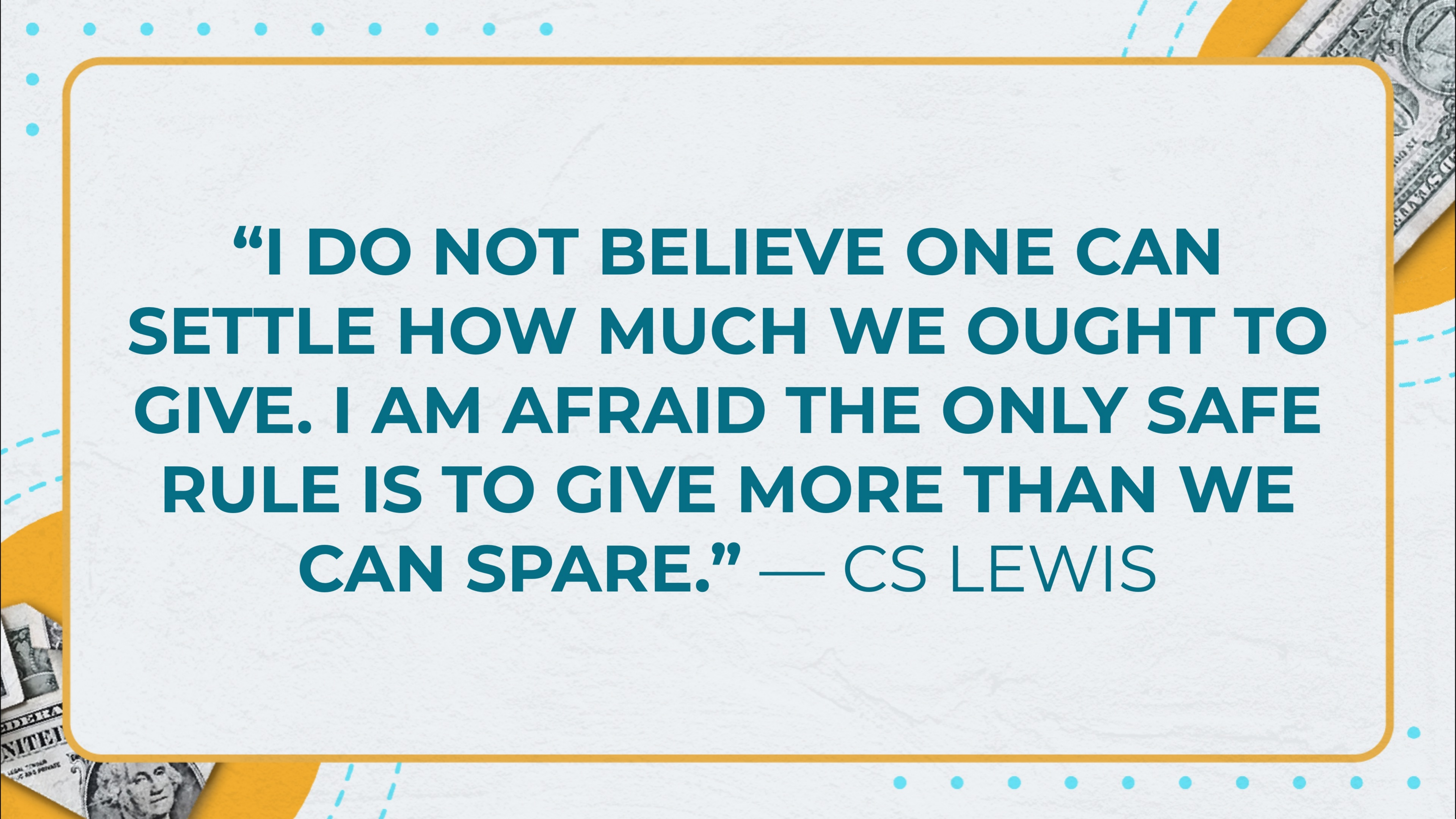
**MOST OF US DON'T STRUGGLE
WITH GENEROSITY BECAUSE
WE'RE GREEDY.**

**WE STRUGGLE BECAUSE
WE'RE AFRAID.**

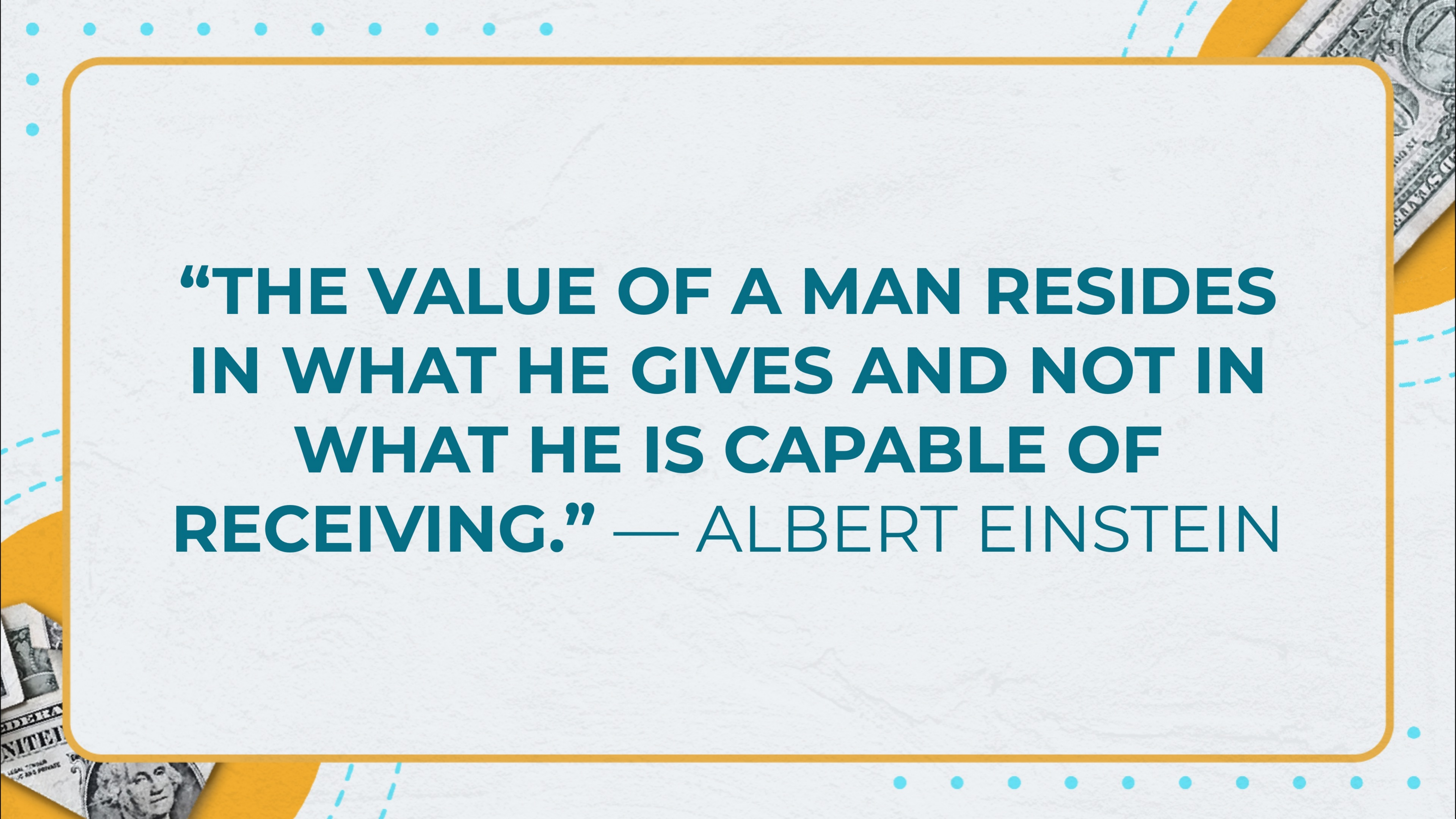
THE ANSWER TO OUR FEARS.

- **GUARDRAIL AGAINST CRUSHING THE GIVER (V.13)**
- **MUTUALITY (V.14)**
- **MANNA LOGIC (V.15)**

**GOD HAS NOT DESIGNED
AN ECONOMIC SYSTEM BUT
A SPIRITUAL ECONOMY.**



**“I DO NOT BELIEVE ONE CAN
SETTLE HOW MUCH WE OUGHT TO
GIVE. I AM AFRAID THE ONLY SAFE
RULE IS TO GIVE MORE THAN WE
CAN SPARE.” — CS LEWIS**



**“THE VALUE OF A MAN RESIDES
IN WHAT HE GIVES AND NOT IN
WHAT HE IS CAPABLE OF
RECEIVING.” — ALBERT EINSTEIN**

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