

# **GIVING IS GOOD**

MAKING CHANGE: EPISODE 3 OF 4

... You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35 NLT

# MAIN IDEA: BETTER TO GIVE THEN TO RECEIVE

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11

#### IF WE KNOW THIS IS TRUE, WHY DON'T WE GIVE MORE?

- 1. WE ARE STRUGGLING AND/OR IN DEBT
- 2. WE'VE SEEN THIS MESSAGE ABUSED
- 3. WE LIVE WITH A SCARCITY MINDSET SCARCITY=LIMITED AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

WHENEVER YOU GIVE, YOU WILL BE A BLESSING WHENEVER YOU GIVE, YOU WILL BE BLESSED

The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed... Proverbs 11:24-25 MSG

#### **GROW IN GENEROSITY**

#### 1) TRUST GOD WITH THE TITHE

One-tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain from the fields or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD and must be set apart to him as holy. Leviticus 27:30 NLT

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. Malachi 3:10

#### STRESS IS BAD

"I NEVER WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TITHE THE FIRST MILLION DOLLARS I EVER MADE IF I HAD NOT TITHED MY FIRST SALARY, WHICH WAS \$1.50 PER WEEK." – JD ROCKEFELLER

GOD CAN DO MORE WITH MY 90% THAT GOD HAS BLESSED THEN 100% THAT IS NOT.

# 2) PLAN YOUR GENEROSITY

But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity. Isaiah 32:8 NLT

### 3) START BEING GENEROUS NOW

And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ. Philemon 1:6