

Love Gives
Series: The Blessed Life
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For God so loved the world that He gave... John 3:16

If love gives, you can't love without giving.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. II Corinthians 8:9

Our role model for generosity is Jesus.

I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love... II Corinthians 8:8.

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

- They were very poor, yet irrationally generous.
- They were enduring trials, yet overflowing with joy.

For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.

II Corinthians 8:3,4

Just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness, in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving. II Corinthians 8:7

Two Money Mindsets

1. The Bag Mindset: We don't have enough.

You eat, but do not have enough; you drink, but you are not filled with drink; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages, earns wages to put into a bag with holes.

Haggai 1:6

2. The Barn Mindset: We have more than enough.

The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you. Deuteronomy 28:8

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

We give God our first and best and trust Him to bless the rest.