

Encounter Church
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God's Love Language
He Meets Your Needs (Part 2)

INTRODUCTION: Have you ever heard someone talk about a poverty mentality verses an abundance mentality?

A poverty mentality operates from fear, focusing on scarcity, limitation, and survival, leading to a "me first" attitude. Conversely, an abundance mentality stems from belief in limitless possibilities, focusing on growth, collaboration, and gratitude, with a willingness to share and create value.

Psalms 78:41 (TPT)- "Again and again they limited God, preventing him from blessing them. Continually they turned back from him and provoked the Holy One of Israel!"

They limited an unlimited God!

Jeremiah 32:27 (NLT)- "I am the Lord, the God of all the peoples of the world. Is anything too hard for me?"

Poverty mentality believes resources are finite (scarcity), whereas an abundance mentality believes they can be created and shared.

A poverty mindset views others' success as a threat, while an abundance mindset celebrates others' achievements.

A poverty mindset focuses on what can be gotten, while an abundance mindset focuses on what can be given.

A poverty mindset avoids risks to stay "safe," while an abundance mindset takes calculated risks to grow, often seeing opportunities where others see obstacles.

A poverty mindset lives in fear and keeps people rooted in a victim mentality, while an abundance mindset fosters optimism and a proactive approach to challenges.

Characteristics:

Poverty Mentality: "I don't have enough," fear of failure, hoarding knowledge/resources, and a "me vs. them" mindset."

Abundance Mentality: "There is more than enough," gratitude, willingness to share, and a "we" mindset."

To put it simply, a poverty mindset leaves you feeling overwhelmed, depressed, and paralyzed. An abundance mindset leaves you feeling excited, motivated, and ready for action.

They are opposites of each other, and we all have the choice to adopt one mindset or the other.

Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV)- “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,”

1. Abundantly

(*Perissos*) - Superabundance, excessive, overflowing, surplus, over and above, more than enough, profuse, extraordinary, above the ordinary, more than sufficient.

John 10:10 (NKJV)- “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

2. Ask

(*Aiteo*) - To request, petition. The word usually describes a suppliant making a request of someone in higher position, such as an individual asking something from God. The word denotes insistent asking without qualms, not “commanding” God, but solidly presenting a requisition whose items he longs to distribute!

Matthew 7:7 (NKJV)- “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

HERE’S THE QUESTION: Is my “ASK” filtered through my ability or His?”

3. Works

(*Energieo*)- To work, be operative, be effective, to avail! The English verb is “to energize!” It has to do with active operation or working of power!

1 Thessalonians 2:13- (NKJV)- “For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.”

If you will work the Word of God the Word of God will work in you and through you and for you!

LET’S MAKE THIS OUR DECLARATION: ***“I welcome the Word of God in my life!”***

Psalms 1:1-3 (MSG)- “How well God must like you— you don’t walk in the ruts of those blind-as-bats, you don’t stand with the good-for-nothings, you don’t take your seat among the know-it-alls. Instead you thrill to God’s Word, you chew on Scripture day and night. You’re a tree replanted in Eden, bearing fresh fruit every month, Never dropping a leaf, always in blossom.”

Joshua 1:7-8 (NLT)- “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do”

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CONCLUSION: Friends, He meets your needs. More than enough!

John 16:24 (TPT)- “Until now you’ve not been bold enough to ask the Father for a single thing in my name, but now you can ask, and keep on asking him! And you can be sure that you’ll receive what you ask for, and your joy will have no limits!”

2 Corinthians 9:8 (TPT)- “Yes, God is more than ready to overwhelm you with every form of grace, so that you will have more than enough of everything —every moment and in every way. He will make you overflow with abundance in every good thing you do.”

If you will work the word of God in your life you can’t help but have an abundance mindset!

Let’s Pray

REMEMBER:

John 10:10 (NKJV)- “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

Jesus Christ came to give you an abundant life! Do you know Him?

Part 3 Next Week