

# More Blessed

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Our Purpose: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

*Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.*

—Proverbs 22:9 (ESV)

**Myth #1: Everything in My Bucket Belongs to ME**

**Truth #1: Everything in My Bucket Belongs to GOD**

*The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,*

—Psalm 24:1 (ESV)

**Myth #2: HAVING More Means More Happiness**

**Truth #2: GIVING is More Gratifying**

*35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

—Acts 20:35 (ESV)

*You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.*

—2 Corinthians 9:11 (ESV)

**Giving Changes LIVES**

**Giving Changes the RECEIVER**

**Giving Changes the GIVER**

*22 "You must set aside a tithe of your crops—one-tenth of all the crops you harvest each year. 23 Bring this tithe to*

*the designated place of worship—the place the LORD your God chooses for his name to be honored—and eat it there in his presence. This applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the firstborn males of your flocks and herds. Doing this will teach you always to fear the LORD your God.*

—Deuteronomy 14:22-23 (NLT)

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

—Matthew 6:21 (ESV)

*Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;*

—Proverbs 3:9 (ESV)

### **Three reasons we might hesitate to give:**

**We're UNABLE**

**We're UNWILLING**

**It's UNUSUAL**

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

—John 3:16 (ESV)