

SELFLESS— EXTRAVAGANT IN GENEROSITY

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THREE MINDSETS ABOUT GENEROSITY

1) THE BAG: THERE IS NEVER 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 NKJV

2) THE BASKET: THERE IS ENOUGH.

All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God ... ⁵ Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. Deuteronomy 28:2, 5

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap....” Luke 6:38

3) THE BARN: THERE IS WAY MORE THAN ENOUGH.

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

“Dedicate to me every firstborn among the Israelites. The first offspring to be born, of both humans and animals, belongs to me.” Exodus 13:2 NLT

Redeem with a lamb every firstborn donkey, but if you do not redeem it, break its neck.... Exodus 13:13

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TALK IT OVER

- Rank how generous you are on a scale of 1-10. Why that number?
- When is the last time you gave away so much it scared you? What happened next?
- Do you currently have the bag, basket, or barn mindset? What would it take to move toward the barn mindset?