

More Than Enough— Love Gives

*For God so loved the world **that he gave** ... John 3:16 NIV*

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

**Many of us don't have a money problem;
we have a mindset problem.**

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

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

2 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 NKJV

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 NIV

The Bag Mindset



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

“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 NIV

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

“... Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.” Matthew 23:23 NLT

**Tithing can break the cycle of scarcity
and create a new cycle of supply.**

The Barn Mindset



**More money won't make you more generous.
It will make you more of what you already are.**

Money promises what only God can provide.

*For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.
⁵And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.*

2 Corinthians 8:3-5 NIV

God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others.

2 Corinthians 9:8 CEV

TALK IT OVER

Read **Matthew 23:23**. In addition to financial giving, what are some other ways people can be generous?

Share about a time when you received a blessing through someone's generosity. How did you see God's faithfulness through that experience?

Talk about your mindset around generosity. What's one shift you could make to have a healthier mindset when it comes to your time and resources?