

SERMON-BASED STUDY: MORE THAN ENOUGH, WEEK 1

2 Corinthians 9:6-12, ESV – ⁶ *The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.* ⁷ *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* ⁸ *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.* ⁹ *As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”* ¹⁰ *He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.* ¹¹ *You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.* ¹² *For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.*

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 Share a time when you have been generous or have been the recipient of someone else’s generosity.
- 2 This week we heard some reasons why people don’t give more. Are there other reasons you can think of? Do one or more of these reasons resonate with you? Explain.

- 3 Describe the scarcity mindset. Are there any ways you live out of a scarcity mindset? What makes you start thinking this way?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **1 Timothy 6:17-19, ESV** – ¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

- 4 What does Paul mean when he says, “Not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches”? Why do you think it is so easy to become haughty or set our hope on riches?

- 5 In contrast, Paul says to place our hopes “on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.” What does it look like to be completely reliant on God in the area of finances?

- 6 Do you consider yourself to be completely reliant on God in this area? If not, what needs to happen for you to feel this way?

B **Proverbs 11:24-25, ESV** – ²⁴One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. ²⁵Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

- 7 Looking at the passage above, how does the author contrast those who give freely and those who withhold?

- 8 Do you think the author is only referring to finances? Explain. What kind of blessings have you received by giving to others?

TAKING IT HOME

God is the Great Provider. His desire is for us to be completely reliant on Him with our entire life, including our finances. How are you doing in this area? Do you ask, “How much of my money should I give away?” or do you ask, “How would God have me use His money?” What is your next step toward breaking the cycle of scarcity in your life? Share with your group or accountability partner what God is speaking to you today. Pray for one another as you look to be completely reliant on God with your finances.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Deuteronomy 14:22-23
Malachi 3:8-10
Luke 6:38