

It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35

THE KEY TO THE BLESSED LIFE IS A HEART OF GENEROSITY.

Proverbs 11:24 One man gives freely, (not less) yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, (But instead of having more, which is the logical assumption.) but comes to poverty. What kind of person will prosper? Proverbs 11:25 A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

Sowing and Reaping 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

What happens to you are a cheerful abundant giver? 2 Corinthians 9:8; 11 Blessed in Every Way!

THREE MINDSETS WHEN IT COMES TO GENEROSITY

1) **THE BAG MINDSET: NOT ENOUGH.** People who live this way are the people who believe and say, "We would like to be generous, but we don't have enough." Haggi 1:6 NKJV

The problem with this is that you are putting your faith in what is in the bag rather than a generous God.

- Judas Had This Mindset: Mark 14:3-; 10

2) **THE BASKET MINDSET: MORE THAN ENOUGH.** People who believe that God is an abundant God, and we can trust Him. We have more than enough and we can give freely.

Deuteronomy 28:4-6 Your basket will be blessed.

- Jesus gave an interesting teaching on the basket one time. He talked about two baskets used by two different sets of people in a grain field. Luke 6:38 / Proverbs 11:24-25 ...*The amount you give will determine the amount you get back*" (verses 38, NLT).
- A little boy with a Basket Mindset. He had a lunch basket. John 6:9 "Blessed Is Better!" Jesus blessed what was given, it multiplied and thousands were fed by what the boy gave. When everyone had eaten, there were twelve baskets full of leftovers. Proverb 11:24

3) **THE BARN MINDSET: INFINITELY MORE THAN ENOUGH.** Deuteronomy 28:8

Imagine that you are faithful with what's in the bag and then you are faithful with what's in the baskets and then God gives you barns that are overflowing!

- The Faithfulness of Joseph. He was faithful and he was able to feed everyone in Egypt, and his family as well because his barns were overflowing.

HOW MUCH CAN GOD BLESS YOU? Luke 16:10-11

- God is Watching Us and Testing Us: Proverbs 3:9-10 9 The beauty of the tithe is that it teaches us to trust God. It teaches us that God can do more with the 90% that is blessed than 100% that is not blessed.
- Jesus tells the story of a man who thought everything in the barn was for him. Luke 12:16-19 / 12:20-21 He didn't understand that we are blessed to be a blessing.

This was a guy who had barn blessings with a bag mindset. (Never Enough)

Next Steps:

- I will pray about tithing 10% of my income on "All Tithe Day," Sunday 03-02-25.
- I will pray about taking the Three-Month Tithing Challenge in March, April, and May.

Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. Share some of the blessings in your life. How aware of God's blessing are you on a daily basis?
2. Everyone has had the bag mindset at some point. What is the problem with this line of thinking?
3. What is the basket mindset? What about the barn mindset?
4. What is your "generosity mindset" and how will that mindset effect God's ability to bless you?
5. Luke 12:16-19; 12:20-21 tells the story of a man with barn blessing but a bag mindset. Do we do that?
6. Which part of the message spoke to you the most personally. What steps will you take this week in response to what God is teaching you?