

# A Life of Generosity

## This Is What We Do - Part 2

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Our favorite giving principles in Scripture:

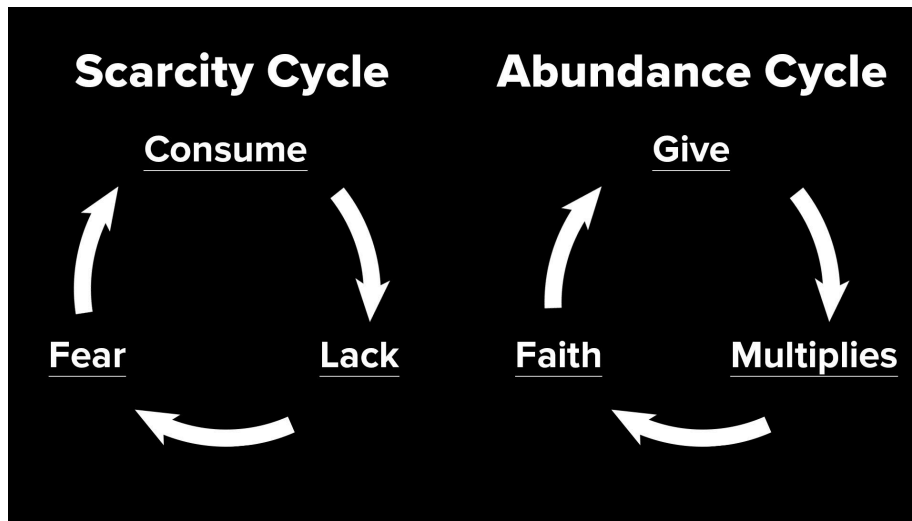
- God gave first
- Heart, not money
- Get to, not have to
- Abundance, not scarcity
- It's a journey

### Get to, not have to

*"It is more blessed to give than to receive."* Acts 20:35 (NLT)

*<sup>3</sup>For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. <sup>4</sup>They **begged** us again and again for the **privilege** of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup>They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do."* 2 Corinthians 8:3-5 (NLT)

### Abundance, not scarcity



*<sup>24</sup>Give freely and become **more wealthy**; be stingy and **lose everything**. <sup>25</sup>The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed."* Proverbs 11:24-25 (NLT)

*<sup>10</sup>For **God is the one who provides** seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, He will **provide and increase** your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. <sup>11</sup>Yes, you will be enriched in every way **so that** you can always be generous."* 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NLT)

## It's a journey

**Give something**  
**Give consistently**  
**Grow in your giving**

## Give consistently

*“Now regarding your question about the money being collected for God’s people in Jerusalem. You should follow the same procedure I gave to the churches in Galatia. <sup>2</sup>On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned. Don’t wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once.” 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 (NLT)*

## Grow in your giving

*“Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.” 2 Corinthians 8:7 (NLT)*

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**We want to invite everyone in Acadiana to Know God, Find Community, and Make a Difference!**

**Ministry moves at the speed of your generosity!**

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