

Living in Abundance
SERIES: THIS IS WHAT WE DO – Part 2

➤ **THE SCARCITY CYCLE STARTS IN THE MIND NOT IN THE WALLET.**

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he... Proverbs 23:7 NKJV

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. ³⁵By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷But he answered, “You give them something to eat.”

They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat? ” ³⁸“How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see” When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”
Mark 6:34-38

➤ **SCARCITY ASKS, “WHAT CAN I AFFORD?”**
ABUNDANCE ASKS, “WHAT DO I HAVE?”

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10 ESV

Experiencing God’s Abundance

1) GOD MULTIPLIES WHAT IS BLESSED.

They sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He

blessed the food... **Mark 6:40-41 NASB**

“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**

2) GOD MULTIPLIES WHAT IS GIVEN AWAY.

...[Jesus] gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

Matthew 14:19 NIV

One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. ²⁵A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. **Proverbs 11:24-25**

So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **Matthew 6:31-33 NIV**

Think About it

- 1. What's an area in your life where you've noticed some selfishness?**
- 2. Think of a time when you've seen God bless someone's generosity. What are you willing to do to see more of that in your life?**
- 3. What is one way you can live more open-handed this week?**