

**Woodland Hills Family Church**  
**Discussion Questions**  
**August 11, 2019**

**REFRESHED: Exploring 4 Drivers of Generosity**  
*Part 3 - A Sense of Abundance*

**Read** the following scripture passage and discuss the statements that follow:

**2 Corinthians 9:6-8** Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. **7** Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **8** And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

**When we give sparingly, we think God's blessings stop with us.**

**When we give generously, we want God's blessings to flow through us.**

**Share** your thoughts on what Proverbs shares about stingy people:

**Stingy people look away.**

Those who give to the poor will lack nothing,  
but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses. **Proverbs 28:27**

**Stingy people delay.**

27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,  
when it is in your power to act.

28 Do not say to your neighbor,  
“Come back tomorrow and I’ll give it to you”—  
when you already have it with you. **Proverbs 3:27-28**

**Stingy people hoard.**

24 One person gives freely, yet gains even more;  
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

25 A generous person will prosper;  
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

26 People curse the one who hoards grain,  
but they pray God’s blessing on the one who is willing to sell. **Proverbs 11:24-26**

**What** are your thoughts on the following statement:

We often think about generosity as something that happens after abundance, but generosity has a sneaky way of driving abundance.

**Read Timothy 6:17-19** Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. **18** Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. **19** In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

**What** does it say to us about the following two mindsets:

**The Scarcity Mindset** believes resources are limited and that keeps us from sharing recognition, promotions, money, resources, and tourists. A scarcity mindset believes that if one person wins, another must lose. It focuses on competitors, not customers.

**The Abundance Mindset** flows out of a deep inner sense of personal worth and security. It believes that there is plenty out there and more than enough for everybody. It drives generosity.

**Do** you think Generosity strengthens our communities?

**Acts 4:33**“ God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all”

**2 Corinthians 8:2-4** In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. **3** For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, **4** they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people.

**Discuss** these three closing thoughts:

**1 - Surround yourself with generous people.**

**2 - Celebrate the successes and blessings of others.**

**3 - Give others opportunity and help them succeed.**

**2 Corinthians 8:7-9** But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. **8** I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. **9** For you know the

grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.