



Series: God and Money

Sermon: Part 4: Scarcity Mindset

Date: Sunday, February 4th, 2024

Give begrudgingly: You give but it comes with a heart's desire to hold back. It is where we don't think about others because we are only thinking about ourselves. It is where we are not thinking about how much we can give, but instead are thinking about how much we can keep.

"Where your treasure is there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the Earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." (Genesis 1:28)

Instead of using what God had given them to be a blessing to their future generations, Adam and Eve used what God had given them to consume for themselves and to serve their own selfish purposes.

A majority of people in America live in this cycle of _____, where they fear that they don't have enough.

Scripture referenced in sermon: 2 Corinthians 8:1-2

The Macedonians did not give begrudgingly, instead they gave freely and joyfully, even in the midst of their own pain, suffering, and lack.

Scripture referenced in sermon: 2 Corinthians 8:3-12

When It Comes To Our Giving:

1. If we say we are going to do something, then _____ it
2. Give what we are _____
3. Our giving should be in _____ to what God has given us

Scripture referenced in sermon: 2 Corinthians 8:13-15

The body of Christ functions differently from government programs. Because of our love for Christ, those who have abundance are able to share with those who are in need so everyone has enough. The only way to break the cycle of scarcity is to start taking what we have and sharing it _____.



A _____: giving 10% of our income back to God as a declaration that He is the Provider and that He comes first.

The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. (Deuteronomy 14:23 TLB)

The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped. (Proverbs 11:24-25 MSG)

God is generous with everything He has and as His followers, He wants us to be _____ with everything we have.

God gives us the freedom to choose to tithe because He knows that when we do, we become more like Him as money's grip on us becomes less and less and our generosity becomes more and more.

Where do I tithe to? The church you consider to be your home.

Tithes To Community City Church Are Used To:

- a. Create environments so people can follow Jesus, follow Jesus with others, and help others to follow Jesus**

- b. Build influence and bridges of trust with people and organizations in Malden in order to serve them and meet the needs of the city**

Bottom Line: *God is generous with everything He has and as His followers, He wants us to be generous with everything we have.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. *Why were the churches in Macedonia so generous with what they had even though they had little?*
- 2. *What barriers/mindsets prevent you from giving towards the Lord's work financially? Why?*
- 3. *How may God be inviting you to excel in your generosity knowing that others are finding life in Christ and eternities are being changed because of your giving?*

Songs used in service: Too Good To Not Believe (Cody Carnes & Brandon Lake), Lord, I Need You (Matt Maher), So Will I (100 Billion X) (Benjamin William Hastings), Trust In God (Elevation Worship)

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Any prayer requests?

Name _____ **Date:** _____ **Email:** _____

What can we be praying for you about?