

**MORE THAN ENOUGH**  
**LIVING THE BLESSED LIFE SERIES PT. 2**  
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**“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.” (2 Cor. 9:8)**

**Scripture: LUKE 9:10-17**

**Introduction**

- A. As we'll see from today's story, God is eager to make heaven's resources available to meet earth's need everywhere there is lack. The challenge is learning to tap into Him as our source. We learned last week that the key to tapping into God's infinite supply is moving from the mindset of a “getter” to the mindset of a “giver.” Heaven's resources flow to us and through us when we move from focusing on being a partaker of God to becoming a \_\_\_\_\_ with God in His heart to share His love and blessings with people around us.
- B. Today we want to look at how Jesus moved the disciples from being broke and bitter to being blessed and a blessing. He did it by helping them move from a poverty mindset to an abundance mindset, invited them to give Him ownership of the little they had, and challenged them to obey Him by giving what He asked them to give by faith.

**I. The first thing Jesus did was to help them break free from a spirit of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Poverty is more than not having; it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of not having that causes us to grip tightly and selfishly to what we have. Jesus talked more about the poverty in the wealthy than he talked about the poverty in the poor.

**Some things that a spirit or mindset of poverty does to us:**

- 1. Causes us to believe there are always more problems than solutions, instead of an abundance mindset that always believes that because of God there is more than \_\_\_\_\_ than problems.
  - 2. It causes us to feel threatened by others instead of happy for others when they get ahead of us. It causes us to believe that if they win it means we lose, instead of thinking that if they win we both \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. It keeps us in a cycle of lack in which we consume our seed instead of plant our seed.
  - 4. It causes us to bury our potential instead of taking the risks of using our potential to fulfill the God given dream and \_\_\_\_\_ He has for our lives.
  - 5. It's the main reason that the world around us is filled with people that are suffering and are not receiving the help they \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Jesus freed the disciples from a poverty mindset by showing them that with God there is \_\_\_\_\_ enough. Heaven's resources are now available to meet \_\_\_\_\_ needs. An abundance mindset allows us to:
    - 1. To believe there is always far more solutions than problems because God is in control  
*“It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.” (Isaiah 65:24)*  
With God we should never ask “Can we do this?” “But only, “\_\_\_\_\_ can we do this with God?”
    - 2. It causes us to redefine success. *“I base the success of my life on the seeds I have sown, not the harvest I reap.” –Robert Luis Stevenson*

3. It causes us to believe that the giving we do though it is by us it is not \_\_\_\_\_ us, it is not us giving for God; it is God giving through us to others.

*“Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.” (1 Chronicles 29:11-14)*

4. A person with an abundance mindset no longer lives their life focused on possessions and problems; they live their life totally focused on God’s \_\_\_\_\_ knowing that everything else will be taken care of. *“But seek first the kingdom of God His righteousness, and all of these things will be added to you.” (Mat. 6:33)*

**II. He helped them move from bitter and broke to blessed and a blessing, by inviting them to give \_\_\_\_\_ (transfer the title deed) of the little they had, so that it went from what they saw as a need to something they saw as a seed.**

- A. We often want to use the littleness of what we have as an excuse; God wants us to use it as a seed. We may not have much but we always have enough to offer God a seed. When we give the seed God provides the need.
- B. Sowing seeds is God’s way of meeting \_\_\_\_\_. What we let die, we let God multiply.

**III. God released abundance when they obeyed Jesus and gave what He told them to give by \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Two principles of faith in giving.**

- A. God pours out His abundance when we are willing to give things we think we don’t have, with grace we don’t feel, to accomplish miracles that we can’t do.
- B. God doesn’t show up when we are thinking of doing His will God shows up when we actually take the \_\_\_\_\_ of stepping out and attempting to do His will.

**Conclusion:** The result was that the people got all that they wanted and the disciples walked away with far more than they needed. The greatest victory was that they would never look at need and lack the same again.

(ANSWERS: partner, I. poverty, fear, solutions, win, assignments, need, always, earth’s, How, from, purposes II. ownership, needs III. faith, risk)

**A PERSON OF FAITH VIEW OF THEIR FINANCES**

The Lord is my Shepherd I have no lack! He orders my life in the perfect rhythms of grace, so I can both be effective and refreshed in my work. I live my life not just with a full schedule but also with a full heart. In the midst of my busy schedule He makes time for me to smell the roses, to enjoy the friendships, and the beautiful moments of life. He upholds my integrity at work and shows me how to honor Him with every financial decision. Yes, even when I walk through times of financial setbacks and unexpected losses, I never panic, despair or dwell on thoughts of doom. How can I? His Word and Spirit give me comfort, confidence, and assurance that “we” will make it through. You go before me and prepare answers and exit strategies for whatever traps Satan has set for my financial ruin. None of my enemies can stop my success because You are for me, so everybody else might as well be. You have anointed me for my workplace responsibilities. When I feel empty, drained, exhausted you are there to fill my cup til it runs over. Surely a stream of favor and opportunity will follow me, as well as lots of mercy to forgive the many mistakes I’ll make. And best of all I look forward to the very best which is still to come, when I will see how you used my life to bring precious souls to live with you in Heaven. There we will dwell in Your house celebrating Your love forever!