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What mindset do you have?

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35 NKJV

"For God so loved the world that He gave ..." John 3:16 NKJV

When God asked Mary to give the gift of Christ, she didn't know how to do it.

"For with God nothing will be impossible." Luke 1:37 NKJV

WE OFTEN DON'T HAVE A GIFT PROBLEM, WE HAVE A MINDSET PROBLEM.

"They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the Jews. All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do."

Galatians 2:9-10 NIV

"And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity."

2 Corinthians 8:1-2 NIV

Paul tells us 2 things about this church:

1. THEY ARE EXTREMELY POOR, YET IRRATIONALLY GENEROUS.
2. THEY WERE ENDURING SEVERE TRIALS, YET OVERFLOWING WITH JOY.

What mindset do you have when it comes to giving?

A. THE BAG MINDSET: "WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH!"

"You have sown much, and bring in little; you eat, but do not have enough; you drink, but you are not filled with drink; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages, earns wages to put into a bag with holes." Haggai 1:6 NKJV

B. THE BARN MINDSET: "WE HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH!"

"The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you." Deuteronomy 28:8 NIV

What happens with a barn mindset?

1. WE GIVE, WHY? WE LOVE.

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine." Proverbs 3:9-10 NIV

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices — mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law — justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former." Matthew 23:23 NIV

2. WHEN WE GIVE, HE BLESSES AND MULTIPLIES.

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"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV

3. WHEN WE GIVE, IT BUILDS OUR FAITH.

“For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.” 2 Corinthians 8:3-5 NIV