



"You Can't Out-Give God!"

Selfless Series

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"Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give!" Proverbs 21:26

3 different mindsets about generosity:

1) The **BAG** mindset

- It's a **SCARCITY** mindset.
- "You eat, but there is not enough to fill you. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothing, but no one is warm enough. You earn money, but put it into a bag with holes." Haggai 1:6

2) The **BASKET** mindset

- The basket actually **IS ENOUGH**
- "All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God." Deuteronomy 28:2
- "**Your basket** and your kneading trough **will be blessed.**" Verse 5
- "**Give** and it will be **given to you.** A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap." Luke 6:38

3) The **BARN** mindset

- This is when you recognize in God's kingdom there is **WAY MORE THAN ENOUGH.**
- "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing." Proverbs 3:9-10
- "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and then everything else will be added unto you." Matthew 6:33
- It takes faith to give **FIRST.** It doesn't take faith to give last.

C3 Group Questions

Accountability: Were you at church on Sunday to grow & learn? Did you read/listen to the Bible & pray this week on a regular basis? If so, share what stood out to you in your time with God?

Ice Breaker: Rank how generous you are on a scale of 1 -10. Why did you pick that number?

Review: What one thing stood out to you (either helpful, insightful or troubling) from the weekend's message?

Group Discussion:

Who are some of the most selfless people you know?

Read Haggai 1:6. Have you ever been able to relate to this verse, or can you right now? How?

What's the scariest thing about giving more of what you have?

When is the last time you gave away so much it scared you? What happened next?

Do you currently have the bag, basket, or barn mindset? What does that look like for you?

What would it take to move toward the barn mindset? What's a specific step you can take?

How can this group pray for you this week? Who in this group can you pray for this week?

Next Steps: (*"Do not merely listen to the word.....Do what it says."* James 1:22)

- Commit to a step & live it out this week.
 - What's the next step toward the barn mindset? Say it out loud even if it scares you.
 - Ask God in prayer this week for specific opportunities to be generous. Then obey & watch what He does!