

"We Live In Plenty"
This Is Us Series
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The Scarcity Cycle starts in the **MIND**, not in the **WALLET**.

"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he." Proverbs 23:7

"When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, cause they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. By this time it was very late in the day, so the disciples came to him. 'This is a remote place' they said, 'and it's already very late. Send the people away, so that they can go to the surrounding country side and villages and buy themselves something to eat." Mark 6:34-36

- "But Jesus answered, 'You give..." Verse 37

"You give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'That would take more than half a year's wages. Are we to go

and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" Verse 37

"How many loaves do you have? Go and see."
 Verse 38

Scarcity asks the question, "What can I AFFORD?"

An abundant thinker asks, "What do I HAVE?"

The more we make, the **TIGHTER** our grip is on what we have!

2 ways we can experience God's abundance:

- 1) God multiplies what is BLESSED.
 - "So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, Jesus gave thanks."
 Mark 6:40-41
 - Returning the tithe <u>RELEASES</u> God's blessing over every other part of your life!
 - "Bring the <u>whole tithe</u> into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house." Malachi 3:10
 - The tithe is the **FIRST 10%** of our income.
 - "Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty and see if I will not throw open the <u>floodgates of heaven</u>, and pour out so much <u>blessing</u> that there will not be <u>room enough to store it</u>."

 Malachi 3:10
- 2) God multiplies what is GIVEN AWAY.
 - "Jesus gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to the disciples to <u>give</u> them to the people." Matthew 14:19