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Two Ways to Look at Money:

The _____ Mindset

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Scarcity starts in the _____ ,

not in the _____ .

“As a man thinks in his heart, so he is.” (Proverbs 23:7)

Every choice you make, your lifestyle, and your behavior patterns can all be traced back to the way you choose to think about your world.

The Feeding of the Five-Thousand

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So, He began teaching them many things. By this time, it was late in the day, so His disciples came to Him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

But He answered, "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?"

"How many loaves do you have?" He asked. "Go and see."

When they found out, they said, "Five – and two fish."

(Mark 6: 34-38)

Two Mindsets

A Scarcity Thinker asks, "What _____?"

An Abundance Thinker asks, "What _____?"

Jesus completely redefines what can be done with a little.

How to Create a Life of Abundance

1. God multiplies what is _____

They sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. And He took the five loaves and two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed the food." (Mark 6:40-41)

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be resources in My House. Test Me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to take it all in." (Malachi 3:10)

2. God multiplies what is _____

"One person gives freely, yet prospers even more; another is stingy, and loses money. Yes, a generous person will prosper and be satisfied; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed." (Proverbs 11: 24-25)

"Don't worry about having enough food or drink or clothing. Why be like the pagans who are so deeply concerned about these things? Your Heavenly Father already knows all your needs, and He will give you all you need from day to day if you live for Him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern. Yes, seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things that you need will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:31-33)