

Times are tight financially all around the world.

How do we give faithfully amid opposing powers of toxic greed and fear of scarcity? Can we be like God who graciously gave us his Son and who supplies all our needs?

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Luke 11:13

God is a giving God.

Abundant love
Fullness of life.

How we relate to money is a concern that reflects our real spiritual health.

No one can serve two masters (Lk 16:13-15).

Selina Hastings, Countess of Huntingdon. A friend to John Wesley and George Whitefield – she was driven by a desire to help finance gospel preaching.

Jesus was supported by faithful women. ***'Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others...were helping to support them out of their own means'*** (Luke 8:3).

Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can.

Macedonian churches. *In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 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 Lord's people. They exceeded our expectations. They gave themselves first to the Lord, and by God's will also to us.'*

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

Abundant joy. Extreme poverty. Overflowing generosity.

During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them, Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

They gave generously according to his ability.

Counter Cultural. Cross cultural. Missional.

Fill the jar up to the brim

Leave the miracle to him.