

**MORE
THAN**

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ENOUGH**

TRADE FEAR FOR TRUST

TIPS TO A SUCCESSFUL GROUP

- **CONFIDENTIALITY IS IMPORTANT.** Confidentiality is the key to building trust in relationships. Here are a few mottos to remember to be confidential: “What is said in small group, stays in small group.” **Nothing, nobody, never...** *“Share nothing, to nobody, never”* outside of the group.

SOWING AND REAPING

ICEBREAKER

When you think about money or resources, are you “Just getting by”, “Comfortable” or “Overflowing”? Don’t think in terms of income, but in how you *feel* about your finances.

INTRODUCTION

Many people live with an “empty” mindset—never enough, never satisfied, always reaching for more. In 2 Corinthians, Paul spends two full chapters talking about generosity, not to raise money, but to **reshape the thinking** of the Corinthian church from a mindset of empty living to generous living. Generosity is less about **what** you give and more about **who** you are becoming, and how God uses what He has entrusted to you to make an impact.

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Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.
— 2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)

Scripture often describes money as a **seed**, not just something with spending power. Farmers don't look at seed for what it is, but for what it can become. In the same way, God provides the seed and expects us to plant it, even if it feels risky. To "sow," in Scripture, means more than giving casually. It describes generosity placed with purpose, planted in faith, and expected to produce a harvest. And the harvest doesn't depend on the seed alone, but on God, "*who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food*" (2 Corinthians 9:10).

Have you ever seen one small act of kindness or generosity blossom into something more? Share an example. What is the main thing holding you back from trusting God with your finances? (Examples: fear of losing control; that God may not provide; worried about what others may think; etc.)

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Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.
— Luke 12:15 (NIV)

Jesus warns against accumulating wealth and possessions, not because they are evil, but because they can quietly replace God as the One we rely on. When security shifts from God to ourselves, we begin living self-sufficient lives. In today's world, self-sufficiency is celebrated, but God calls us to something that feels counterintuitive: a life of dependence on Him. When we live from that place, generosity becomes easier.

What's some differences between being responsible and being self-reliant? (Examples: setting aside an emergency savings vs. over-saving in fear, etc.)

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"I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens, for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills." — Psalm 50:9-10 (NIV)

God doesn't seek what's in your wallet—He desires a heart that is completely surrendered to Him. Throughout Scripture, money and possessions are often mentioned not because God needs what we have, but because our openness with what we have reveals our trust in Him. When we live open-handedly, we acknowledge that we are not owners, but **stewards**. Fear and greed tempt us to cling tightly to "what is ours," but surrender invites us to release control and trust the One who truly owns it all.

Money is often where we feel the most stress, fear, and self-reliance. Yet when we surrender our finances to God and follow His guidance with generosity, we position ourselves to experience His blessing. These blessings are not limited to finances and often come in ways that are far more meaningful and lasting.

What's one small step that could help you move from self-sufficiency to God-dependence this week? *(Examples: praying before making financial decisions; budgeting a small amount for future generosity; etc.)*

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

- **Dedicate more time to devotions.** Use the next page to learn more about God's provisions.
- **Reevaluate your budget.** See if there is a small amount you can set aside for future giving.
- **Educate yourself.** Sometimes fear comes from a lack of knowledge. Take a financial literacy class to learn how to steward your money in a God-honoring way.

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You for being a generous Father who always provides for our needs. You say not one sparrow will fall to the ground without You noticing. Please reassure us of Your blessings and provision so we can trust in You more fully. Help us loosen our grip and open our hands, so our lives reflect Your heart. In Jesus' name, amen.



Make Time to be in God's WORD

Reading God's Word daily re-patterns the way you think & transforms your mind. Doing your daily devotions is an excellent way to record, process, & share what God is teaching you on a personal level. We do this using S.O.A.P.

- S - Scripture**
- O - Observation**
- A - Application**
- P - Prayer**

Here's an example:

S: *Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "*
--Matthew 4:4 (NIV)

O: Jesus said that we can't live on food alone. Our life is sustained through His Word.

A: Just as food is important to me, God's Word is even more because it will sustain me and give me the strength to live out my life.

P: Jesus, thank You for reminding me that I need Your Word to give me the wisdom & strength to follow You. Help me to make time to spend with You daily. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

SCRIPTURES FOR S.O.A.P.

Day 1:

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
— Psalm 34:10 (NIV)

Day 2:

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?
— Matthew 6:26 (NIV)

Day 3:

If you give to others, you will be given a full amount in return. It will be packed down, shaken together, and spilling over into your lap. The way you treat others is the way you will be treated. — Luke 6:38 (CEV)

Day 4:

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. — Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

Day 5:

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. — Psalms 112:5 (NIV)