

**MORE
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TRADE FEAR FOR TRUST

TIPS TO A SUCCESSFUL GROUP

- **MAKE GROUP A PRIORITY.** Communicate in advance when you will be unable to attend by either calling and/or texting your host or responding to the zoom email invitation by accepting or declining. This will help your host to plan accordingly especially if it is an in person small group gathering.

LIVING IN GOD'S BLESSINGS

ICEBREAKER

What's something you use every day that you sometimes forget is a blessing?

INTRODUCTION

Comparison convinces us we never have enough. The bar keeps rising, and contentment feels just out of reach. Yet Scripture reveals a powerful truth: many of us are already richly blessed. When we embrace that reality, we can stop striving and start living richly, honoring God with what He has already placed in our hands.

READ |

God will generously provide all you need... You will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous.
— 2 Corinthians 9:8, 11 (NLT)

This passage reminds us that God doesn't give us more to raise our standard of living, but to **raise our standard of giving**. God provides what we need and then entrusts us with more so generosity becomes possible. What God gives isn't meant to stop with us, but to flow through us.

Why is it hard to believe you're already rich? (Examples: bills, debt, medical costs, job uncertainty, comparison, etc.)

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When God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them... this is a gift of God.
— Ecclesiastes 5:19 (NIV)

This surprises many believers: **enjoying what God gives us is biblical.** The issue isn't having more, but the danger is in believing "*it's all for me.*" Jesus told a story about a rich farmer who built bigger barns to store his surplus. God didn't call him foolish because he was wealthy, but because he believed the surplus belonged only to him.

What's the difference between enjoying God's blessings and depending on them?
(Examples: gratitude vs. entitlement, saving wisely vs. hoarding in fear, etc.)

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How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God. — Luke 18:24 (NIV)

Wealth can be spiritually dangerous because comfort can slowly replace dependence on God. The more we have, the less we pray, "*Give us today our daily bread.*" That's why we choose this mindset: "*God has blessed me with more than I need. I'm rich. Because I have more, I will do more and give more.*" And when each person takes a small step of obedience, God multiplies it into a greater impact. We've seen this through our record-breaking **Kingdom Builders Offering**, where together we gave more than ever before to faith-based partners and made a real difference in our community and beyond. It wasn't one large gift, but the **faithfulness of many** that God used for something far bigger than any of us could do alone.

Time to humble brag: Share about a time you gave generously, whether it was of your time, money, and/or resources, and how God grew and blessed you through that experience.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

- **Practice Gratitude.** Say it out loud—"*God has blessed me with more than I need.*"
- **Practice Generosity:** Give time, money, or encouragement with no strings attached.

CLOSE IN PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You for blessing us with more than we need. Help us to trust You, the Giver, more than what has been given. Please teach us to live open-handed, generous lives so others will thank You and come to know You. 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 earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

— Psalm 24:1 (NIV)

Day 2:

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and He will reward them for what they have done.

— Proverbs 19:17 (NIV)

Day 3:

All day long he craves for more, but the righteous give without sparing.

— Proverbs 21:26 (NIV)

Day 4:

"... 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 store it..."

— Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

Day 5:

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

— 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NKJV)