



THE LORD'S FLOCK GROWTH DIGEST

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The Poverty Mindset (Part 2)

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Why is renewal of our mind so important?

- Only the Word and the wisdom of God should be in our minds so that we will become more like the Lord. Faith comes from hearing; be careful with what we listen to (Col. 3).
- When our mind is renewed, we will not use our intellect or carnality, but the wisdom of God. We say no to sin, and yes to God.
- Repeated, constant listening to the Word of God is important. We need to fill both our minds and hearts, so that we will not be affected by carnality. We will be able to discern the temptations and attacks of Satan, who seeks to cause division, alienation, separation and robs us of the blessings that God intended for us.

Reflection:

- Watch yourselves and discern what is happening to you and your thinking.
- Are you starting to entertain negative thoughts, doubting yourself, losing hope, listening to gossip, or feeling like a victim again?

Mindset of Abundance

- Our mindset should be of abundance. Pray more. Fill your hearts and minds with the Word of God.
- The dream or the vision will surely come. It may be delayed, but it will happen (Heb. 2:3).
- Press on toward the goal to win the prize of God's upward calling (Phil. 3:13). A true giver will not question, because your mind will be filled with the Word of God.
- Protect your mind with the helmet of salvation, so that you may resist the devil and hold your ground against Satan's constant attempts to make your mind his territory (Eph. 6).
- Only those things which are honorable, pure, just and lovely should occupy our minds (Phil. 4:8). Do not let our minds be polluted.
- We will be on our way to a life of abundance (Jn. 10:10). Let us always think plentiful.

- Keep the grace of giving, of sharing with others. Being wealthy is not about money.

What brings about a Poverty Mindset:

- Laziness. Too much sleep leads to poverty.
- Lack of vision for the future; you might be stuck in financial rot because of lack of vision of a successful future.
- Complacency is the enemy of our soul, and will lead to spiritual poverty. Complacency keeps men from striving toward the great places of God (2 Kings 7:3-9, 1 Cor. 4). Believe first before you see (Ps. 119).

Seven Main Differences between SCARCITY Mindset and ABUNDANCE Mindset. An abundance mindset is a renewed mind.

1. Think Big vs. Think Small. Then have faith in God. Confess what you need.
2. Plenty vs. Lack of Everything. Believe that there is plenty of everything and resources in this world. I am the Good Shepherd, you shall not want.
3. Happiness vs. Resentment. Be optimistic, and be genuinely happy for others.
4. Embrace Change vs. Fear of Change. Change is an integral part of life.
5. Pro-active vs. Reactive. Have a positive attitude, take a pro-active approach to life, rather than waiting.
6. Learning vs. Know It All. Crave learning and growth in knowledge and faith.
7. What is Working and What is not Working. Visionaries see the limitless possibilities of the works of God. A scarcity mindset selects negative thoughts and adopts a victim mentality.

What Do We Avoid?

- Avoid associating with negative people or those who do not have a good financial testimony.
- Find a spiritual mentor who has overcome poverty and has broken strongholds.
- Learn from those who are successful.
- Ask questions and be teachable, and be willing to change if necessary (Josh. 1:8).

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