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Mastering The Art Of Abundance

Learning to live everyday with a full heart and open hand

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". . . so he explained it to them. 'I am the Gate for the sheep,' he said. 'All others who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. Yes, I am the Gate. Those who come in by way of the Gate will be saved and will go in and out and **FIND GREEN PASTURES**. The thief's purpose is to steal, kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.'" (John 10:7-10 TLB)

You Are What You Think

If you think **small**, you will be **self-absorbed**.

"Beware! Don't always be wishing for what you don't have. For real life and real living are not related to how rich we are." (Luke 12:15 TLB)

If you think **religion**, you will be **rigid**.

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are." (Mat 23:15 NIV)

If you think **about God**, you will be **inspired**.

"For nothing is **impossible** with God." (Luke 1:37 NIV)

"Call to me and I will answer you and **TELL YOU GREAT AND UNSEARCHABLE THINGS YOU DO NOT KNOW**." (Jer 33:3 NIV)

If you think **grace**, you will be **grateful**.

"No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." (1 Th 5:18 TLB)

The 2 Perspectives

The **scarcity** mentality

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to PUT THEIR HOPE IN WEALTH, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." (1 Tim 6:17, NIV)

"But of course some of them wouldn't listen, and left it until morning; and when they looked, it was full of maggots and had a terrible odor; and Moses was very angry with them. So they gathered the food morning by morning, each home according to its need. . . ." (Exo 16:20-21 TLB)

The **abundance** mindset

"As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, 'In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.' I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; **SORROWFUL, YET ALWAYS REJOICING; POOR, YET MAKING MANY RICH; HAVING NOTHING, AND YET POSSESSING EVERYTHING**." (2 Cor 6:1-10 NIV)

The Abundance Mindset

The abundance mindset is **a new way of seeing things**.

"I pray also that the **eyes of your heart** may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, **the riches of his glorious inheritance** in the saints," (Eph 1:18 NIV)

The abundance mindset is **forward focus**.

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way **in the desert** and streams in the wasteland." (Isa 43:18-19 NIV)

The abundance mindset is **a daily discipline**.

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are **new every** morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lam 3:22-23 NIV)