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2 CORINTHIANS 9:8 READS: "AND GOD IS ABLE TO BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY, SO THAT IN ALL THINGS AT ALL TIMES, HAVING ALL THAT YOU NEED, YOU WILL ABOUND IN EVERY GOOD WORK." (NIV)

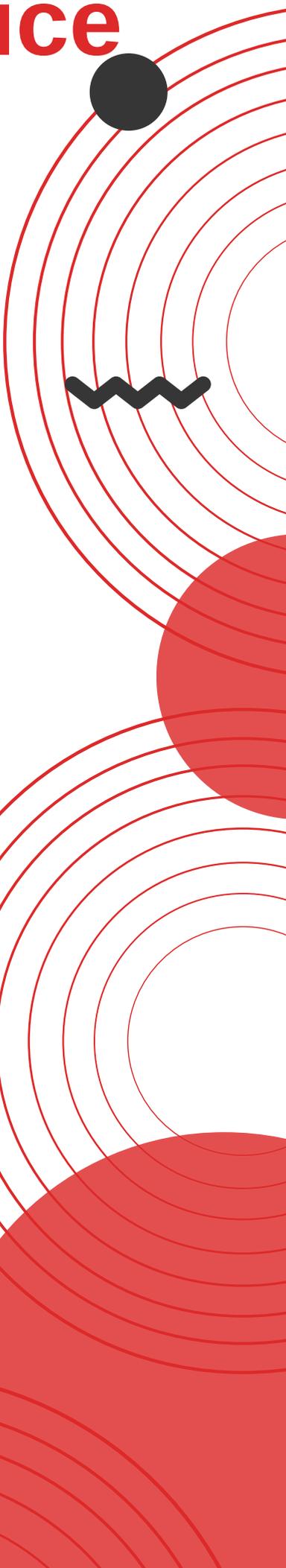
Before we even *think* about sales and money mindset, it's important to recognise what God is actually able to do. If we still believe that (for whatever reason) God doesn't desire that anyone actually is abundant and that it's greedy, selfish or too tied into the 'prosperity gospel' way of thinking for anyone to flourish financially, then we can find ourselves instantly limiting ourselves in both our thinking and our actions.

I love this passage in 2 Corinthians 9:8, as it's a reminder of what God is able to do.

I've often found that as people embark on their business building journey, and as they scale to their next level, we can find ourselves deciding that anymore than what we currently have can't be God's desire for us. Often, though, this way of thinking comes from a place of scarcity as opposed to one of searching the scriptures.

Q. What are some of the limiting and negative beliefs you have about money and whether having it is of God?

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All too often, when people discover the work that I do and acknowledge the fact that I serve faith-focused leaders and entrepreneurs, comments will arise around the fact that Jesus was homeless and that the disciples were called to a life of relative simplicity and sacrifice. Whilst this is true, it only tells one side of the story, which I think is part of what contributes towards the negative money mindset we can so often acquire if we're not careful.

For a moment, I'd like you to pause and think about every time that your church have requested an increase in financial giving, or a donation towards a leaky roof, or even a missions trip.

Q. During moments like this, do you consider yourself as someone who could (either now or later) contribute significantly to needs like these? Or have you already ruled yourself out of you being the person for the job?

No, we are not fully clear on what Jesus' financial status was when He lived on earth as fully man and fully God, but much like the generous donors we can hear about in church, we hear about them in God's word too.



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"Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, 2 and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them[a] out of their means." - Luke 8:1-3

"When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. 58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. 59 And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away." - Matthew 27:57-60

Q. What comes up for you as you study these two passages which refer to affluent people who supported Jesus' ministry?

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OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE TO A GREATER
CAPACITY.**

The world is waiting for your work.