

Experience 6

Generosity

Enough for everyone to be
generous (2)

Generosity
Discipleship
Experience



Recap



Share stories from Experience 5: *Decide what is enough for you to live with contentment and generosity.*

- Share some of your experiences on how you saw generosity opening the kingdom for others.
- What inspires you in hearing all the other experiences?

The aim of this experience is to ***cultivate the habit to decide what is enough for you to live with contentment and generosity.***



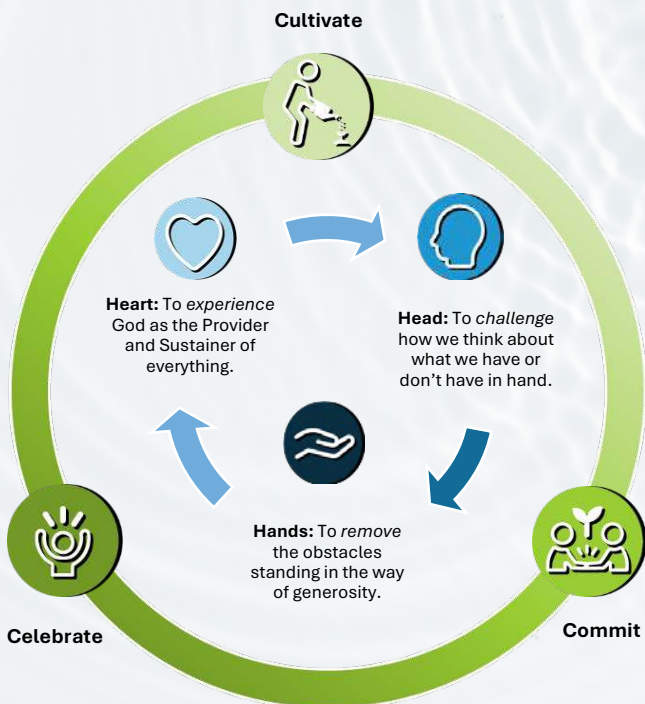
"A basket of giving is usually given to those who are generous."

- African Proverb

Generosity and What We Have, or do not Have in Hand

Experience 6 continues the focus on the relationship between God's provision and how we live generously from his provision. We've already experienced how to transform a scarcity mindset into a mindset of generosity.

Experience 6 focus on the second obstacle in the way of generosity namely ***how to counter the prosperity gospel with a Kingdom-focused lifestyle of generosity.***



God's provision is enough when it is enough

What is the prosperity gospel?

In short, followers of the prosperity gospel believe that God wants believers to be richly blessed in this life and that physical well-being and material riches are always God's will for the faithful.

Illness and poverty are seen as curses that, through atonement, can be broken with faith in Jesus.

The question is – *Is this true, is it Biblical?* Let us explore this further.



Watch: [Does God promise health and wealth?](#) (Allan Parr)

Reflect on the five problems that Alan Parr identify with the health and wealth promises of the prosperity gospel.

- #1 – It is inconsistent with the Bible.
- #2 – It switches our focus from God to us.
- #3 – It sets people up for major disappointment with God.
- #4 – Limited primarily to the Western world.
- #5 – It is inconsistent with the life of Jesus and his disciples.



Read: [Luke 12:13-34](#)

What do you experience and learn about God's provision and the way we act on it?

- Abundance and greed.
- Storing up for yourself.
- Worries about what you have or have not.
- God's provision.
- Treasures in heaven.



Watch: [Testimony of Allan Banhart](#). What inspires you in this story?

My answer to the Lord is...

Generosity Lifestyle and Habits



My lifestyle commitment (*What?*):

Revisit the list you received from God.

- What symptoms of the prosperity gospel do you see in your own life and the lives of others? Repent of the symptoms of a prosperity gospel in your life.
- What is the one lifestyle change you are going to make? .



Habit 3: *Decide what is enough for you to live with contentment and generosity.*

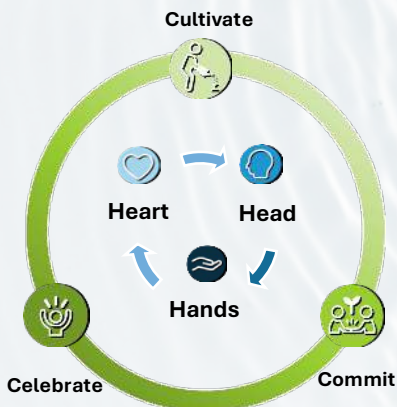
1. **Identify** the red (stop doing), yellow (be aware of), and green(continue) lights in how you think about and use what you have (or don't have) in your hands.
2. **Remove** the obstacles through repentance.
3. **Decide** what is enough for you to have in your hands.
4. **Share:** *The person with whom I'm going to share what I have experienced and learned is ...*

My Generosity Lifestyle Plan

Generosity Habit 3

Decide what is enough for you to live with contentment and generosity.

Integrate your experiences and learnings of Experience 5 and 6 into your Generosity Lifestyle Plan.



Cultivate a generosity focus

My Lifestyle Focus (*Why?*):

Enough for me is ...

Generosity Lifestyle Plan



Commit to a change in lifestyle

My lifestyle change for the next 3-6 Months (*What?*):

The lifestyle changes in using God's provision that I'm going to focus on are ...



Celebrate through obedient actions

My Plan for the next 3-6 months

(How, Where, When and Accountability)