



My SEISMIC SHIFT for this week:

Prayer List: Take a few moments to share prayer needs with your group. Write them down here and have someone volunteer to pray specifically for each individual need during prayer time.

Group Project: What steps do you and your group need to take this week to further your support of the ministry you have adopted?

# Doin' the Abun-DANCE

the little changes that



"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us..." Ephesians 3:20

**God's gotta dance He wants you to dance! The moves are easier than you can ever imagine. It's a dance called the "AbunDANCE" and it will change your life!**

**"Don't be fooled, my dear friends. Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father who created all the lights in the heavens. He is always the same and never makes dark shadows by changing." James 1:16 - 17**

#1. \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(1)</sup> we have is a gift from God.

#2. Everything God gives is \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(2)</sup> and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(3)</sup>

#3. That \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup> (fact) never changes.

#4. We are \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(5)</sup> or \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(6)</sup> the facts!

**Wealth = having \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(7)</sup> than you need! AbunDANCE**

## Doin' The Abun-DANCE

**The shift from \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(8)</sup> to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(9)</sup>**

Abundance begins with \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(10)</sup>

"Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! "But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?' "You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe." Malachi 3:8-10

Tithing reminds me that all I have comes from God's blessing to me. It demonstrates to God that I mean business about putting Him first in all of my life.

Key: (1) Everything (2) Good (3) Perfect (4) Truth (5) Easily fooled (6) Often ignore (7) More (8) Mine! (9) God's (10) generosity (11) Hoarding (12) Sharing (13) Consuming (14) Investing



The shift from \_\_\_\_\_ (11) to \_\_\_\_\_ (12)

“The best things in life are ~~free~~ shared!”



**I will treat everything I have as God's!**



“And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.” **Hebrews 13:16**



The shift from \_\_\_\_\_ (13) to \_\_\_\_\_ (14)

Don't store up treasures on earth! Moths and rust can destroy them, and thieves can break in and steal them. Instead, store up your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy them, and thieves cannot break in and steal them. Your heart will always be where your treasure is. **Matthew 6:19 - 21**

### Seismic Suggestions



- #1. Give God what He asks you to. *(It's God's not yours anyway!)*
- #2. Put God's name on everything you own. *(Then consciously tell God that each individual thing is His...name them specifically.)*
- #3. Start giving stuff away. (Something that's hard. Holding onto something to tightly is telling you something about who you think really owns it.)
- #4. Invest in eternity. (Invest time and prayer and then arrange your finances to make them really count!)



(1) I will spend consistent time with God.

(2) I will focus my worship.

(3) I will treat myself like God's Temple.

(4) I will reach outside myself to others.

(5) I will regard everything I have as God's.

(6) I will purposefully invite others into relationship with Jesus.

## Growth Group Discussion Starters

1. Read **Matthew 6:19-21**, 1 Timothy 6:10. How is Jesus' view of material things in opposition to our culture's view of things?
2. Read **Malachi 3:8-12**. In this passage what is God asking and what does He promise?
3. Read the story of **Dustin (pp.187-188)** Tell about a “Smarties Hero” in your life who modeled a lifestyle of joyful generosity.
4. Share with your group an example of how you have made the shift to treating what you have as God's and how it has made a difference in your life or someone you love. *(This isn't bragging, it's acknowledging God working in and through you!)*
5. Read the section titled “**What is a Tithe or Tithing?**” (p.195) If we truly believe that everything we have belongs to God, how might this change the way we use our resources?
6. Read **2 Corinthians 9:6-8**. What does this passage teach us about God's part in giving, and our part?
7. Think back to the lesson of the balls from Pastor Paul's talk on Sunday. How will learning the gift of sharing change how we enjoy the things we have?
8. Read **Matthew 6:19-21 & 1 Timothy 6:17-19**. what are the differences between earthly wealth and heavenly wealth?
9. What is one step you can take to invest in things that will last forever?
10. Share a **Seismic Shift from** from this week's shifts that you have decided to try in the coming days? How can your Growth Group members pray for you concerning this shift?