



“There is he that scatters, and yet increases; and there is he that withholds more than is fitting, but it tends to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that waters shall be watered himself.” Proverbs 11:21 – 25

The spirit of poverty holds men down. It binds them with fear of lack, a fear of want, and a fear of failure. Jesus proclaimed, “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor...” (Luke 4:18). It is the first point in the message of the Good News – the Redeemer has come to set us free from the spirit and power of poverty! Poverty enslaves men and causes them to enslave others. The Good News teaches us that Jesus came to identify with our poverty and then deal it a crushing blow! “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might be rich.” (2 Corinthians 8:9).

“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, “Cursed is every one that hangs on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.” (Galatians 3:13 – 14).

The message of the Kingdom releases us from these associated fears and liberates us to fully and completely trust God. This further then frees us to enter in to the working of the laws of the Kingdom. “But I say, he who sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully.” (2 Corinthians 9:6).

Fears have held us back from giving and living as we were meant to give and live – abundantly and liberally. Hence, stinginess has blocked the blessing of God from our lives.

“Lord Jesus, thank You for liberating me from my fears of poverty and lack. I choose this day to live largely, to live generously, to live liberally toward You as well as toward others.”

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