

Give Generously
Multiplying Bread

What flows in
must flow out.

The Pathway

Do Life Together

Worship Together Regularly

Enjoy God's Presence

Live Differently

Give Generously

Share Your Story

Serve Others

Assumption for Financial Freedom:

It's the ability to do anything you want at any time you want according to your financial savings.

Reality:

Financial freedom is NOT the same thing as financial independence.

**Financial freedom is not the result
of financial independence.**

**It's the result of financial
contentment.**

1 Timothy 6: 6 But **godliness with contentment** is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

Hebrews 13: 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

Financial contentment is a deliberate embrace of weakness so that God will become strong in our hearts.

2 Corinthians 8: 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake **he became poor**, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

Matthew 14: 13 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

15 As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said,

Matthew 14: “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

16 Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

17 “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

Matthew 14: 18 “Bring them here to me,” he said.
19 And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and **looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves.** Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. 20 They all ate and were satisfied, **and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.** 21 The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The world wants you to focus
on how little you have (5 loaves &
2 fish).

The key is to do what Jesus did:

take the little you have, no matter how small or inadequate, lift it to the Lord and give thanks.

Giving generously begins with
discovering God's basket for you
after you've fed everyone else.

God wants to give us something but
cannot because our hands are full.
There's nowhere for Him to put it.

St. Augustine

There is always an abundance
in the Kingdom of God.

Ephesians 1: 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the **riches of God's grace** 8 that he **lavished** on us.

18 I pray 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 his holy people, 19 and his incomparably **great power** for us who believe.

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If you want to live a life of
fullness and blessing,
giving thanks is crucial.

Reality is “longing for what you don’t
have and scared to lose what you do.
Desire and fear keep us enslaved.”

The Matrix Resurrections

The more you give thanks,
the less you will hunger spiritually
and the fuller and more blessed
your life will be.

The 'giving generously'
challenge:

give thanks for what you have
and give more to 'feed' others
and then look for the 'miracles'.

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