

One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:24-25

Have you ever heard the song “Desert Pete” by The Kingston Trio? It’s about a thirsty wanderer crossing the desert who, by chance, stumbles upon an old water pump. After determining it’s not a mirage, he inspects a note on the pump. It says there’s a jar nearby full of water. The pump works, but you must first use all the water to prime the pump. After a musing juxtaposition of how good the temporary water looked in his hand, and how dry and old the pump looked, the protagonist was left with a decision. “Do I live by faith or by sight.”

We later hear that they chose to have faith and tapped into an endless supply that was more than enough for themselves and to leave plenty left over for the next person.

I hope you can settle in your heart today that you serve El Shaddai, the God of more than enough. Billy Graham once said “Give me five minutes with a person's checkbook, and I will tell you where their heart is.” Every time you get paid, it’s a test. “Am I going to drink all this water myself, or am I going to have faith?” Alicia and I are living proof that when you keep God first in your finances, supernatural provision will follow you everywhere. I think of my car that has over 210k miles and hasn’t even had so much as a check engine light in all the years I’ve owned it. We serve a generous God who gave his only Son, Jesus for you and me. In light of that and the wonderful eternity ahead of us... how can we not respond in kind?

Prayer and Reflection:

Maybe take time today and reflect on God's goodness to you. Count your blessings. When you're ready maybe use this prayer to guide you.

God, I come to you.... not for more today, but simply to acknowledge how wonderful you are. You are so generous and wonderful to me. I am genuinely sorry if I grumble or have allowed covetousness to creep in. Lord, you know what I need. If I needed more, I believe you'd have provided it. Lord, I humbly ask, would you help me to be more generous like you today? Everything is a lesser thing compared to you, so I joyfully surrender all. Thank you for Jesus. I graciously receive your mercies that are new every morning. Thank you again. I love you Jesus. Amen.

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