

The Blessed Life Part 2: Margin Brings Blessing

*(Deuteronomy 30:19 NLT) "Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between **blessings** and **curses**. Now I call on heaven and earth to **witness the choice you make**. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!"*

Scarcity Vs Margin

Margin is having more than enough.

Scarcity is having less than you need.

(Psalm 4:6 MSG) "Why is everyone hungry for more? "More, more," they say. "More, more."

*(Psalm 4:7-8 MSG) "I have **God's more-than-enough**, more joy in one ordinary day than they get in all their shopping sprees. At day's end I'm ready for sound sleep, for you, GOD, have put my life back together."*

Scarcity - you feel like something is missing.

Margin - you feel content.

Scarcity - you struggle to rest.

Margin - you feel rested.

Scarcity - you missed opportunities.

Margin - you seize opportunities.

Scarcity - you get what others leave behind.

Margin - you give to others in need.

Building Margin with Time & Money

*(Psalms 37:18-19 NLT) "Day by day the LORD takes care of the innocent, and they will receive an inheritance that lasts forever. They will not be disgraced in hard times; even in famine they will have **more than enough**."*

1. Stop spending all that you have.

(Luke 15:13-18 NIV) *"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there **squandered** his wealth in wild living. After he had **spent everything**, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have **more than enough** bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.*

2. Start saving and giving something.

(Proverbs 21:20 NIV) *"The wise **store up** choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down."*

(Proverbs 30:25 NLT) *"Ants—they aren't strong, but they **store up** food all summer."*

(1 Corinthians 16:2 NIV) *"On the first day of every week, each one of you should **set aside a sum of money** in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made."*

(Proverbs 11:24 ESV) *"One **gives freely**, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want."*

3. Believe that God wants to give you more than enough.

(Ephesians 3:20 NIV) *"Now to him who is able to do **immeasurably more** than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."*

(John 14:1-2 NLT) *"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is **more than enough** room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?"*