

# From the Hand of God



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Today, people struggle and are challenged by how they will spend their time, resources, and even their lives. Minute by minute and day-by-day, life is unfolding while spending choices compete for their resources.

God has big hands and generosity flows from those hands. They run over with abundant gifts for all people—no holding back, no sense of scarcity, no fear of giving too much. So when we give we can do it with great joy and generosity because there is always more where it came from. It all comes from the hand of God.



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