

## THIS IS WHAT WE DO. – PUT GOD FIRST (2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

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"This" is all about the joy of giving—it's a complete paradigm shift in talking about giving. Walking through this 3-week series, we'll learn how to move from a scarcity mindset to an abundance mindset. It highlights how generosity and giving are foundational parts of who we are as a Church and as Christians—because of what God did for us, this is what we do. And it begins with putting God first in our lives. This is what we do.

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We \_\_\_\_\_ generously.

2 Corinthians 9:7-9

*As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever." – 2 Corinthians 9:9, NLT*

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God \_\_\_\_\_ abundantly.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

*For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. – 2 Corinthians 9:10, NLT*

### The Power of the Tithe

Titling breaks the cycle of \_\_\_\_\_ and creates a new cycle of \_\_\_\_\_.

1. The tithe teaches us to \_\_\_\_\_.

*The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives. – Deuteronomy 14:23, TLB*

2. The tithe builds our \_\_\_\_\_.

*... "Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." – Malachi 3:10*

3. The tithe provides for the work of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house ..." – Malachi 3:10*

Questions for individual or group reflection:

Do you consider yourself a generous person?

Share a story about a time you were generous – or maybe the opposite.

What is the difference between giving and generosity?

Do you live out of a scarcity mindset? What do you attribute this to?

Read Deuteronomy 14:23. Why do you think it can be so hard to give away money?

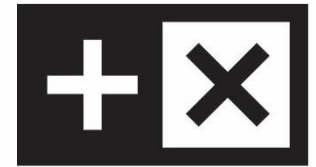
What do you like about giving?

Are you completely reliant on God financially? Why or why not?

How does tithing grow your reliance on God?

Have you ever seen God multiply something little you gave?

In terms of the Church, why do you think God established the tithe?



**Pray: God, You are the Provider. We are not. You are the Source. We are not. Teach us to rely on You for our needs. Teach us to trust You with the tithe and even grow beyond in our giving back to You. Thank You for Your generous grace and love to us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.**

**Do: Commit to a step and live it out this week.**

- Talk with someone you consider generous. Ask them how they do it, why they do it and what it means to them.
- Increase your regular giving as part of the "Growing into Our Future" stewardship emphasis at Redeemer
- Start tithing. "Test God in this" and watch His blessings flow! (Malachi 3:10)

**Memory Verse:** ... others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. – 2 Corinthians 9:13

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*Put God First*

# Most Americans ...

1. Don't "feel" rich – and yet we are.
2. Think we are generous – and we aren't.



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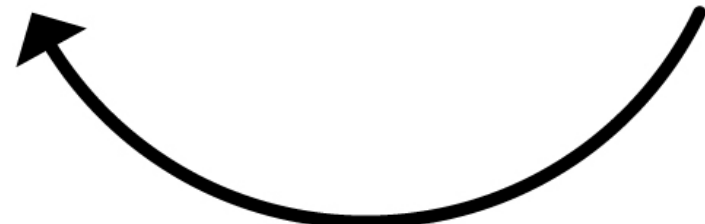
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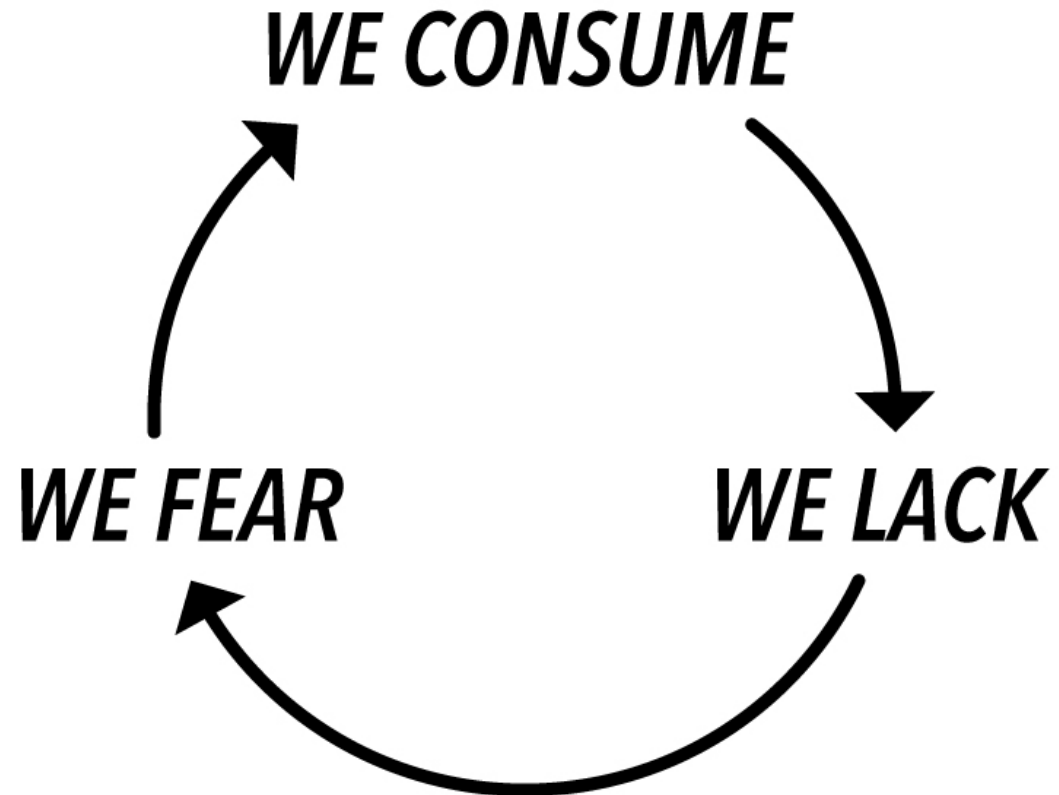


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We give generously.





*<sup>7</sup> You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." <sup>8</sup> And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. <sup>9</sup> As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. And Their good deeds will be remembered forever." - 2 Cor 9:7-9 NLT*



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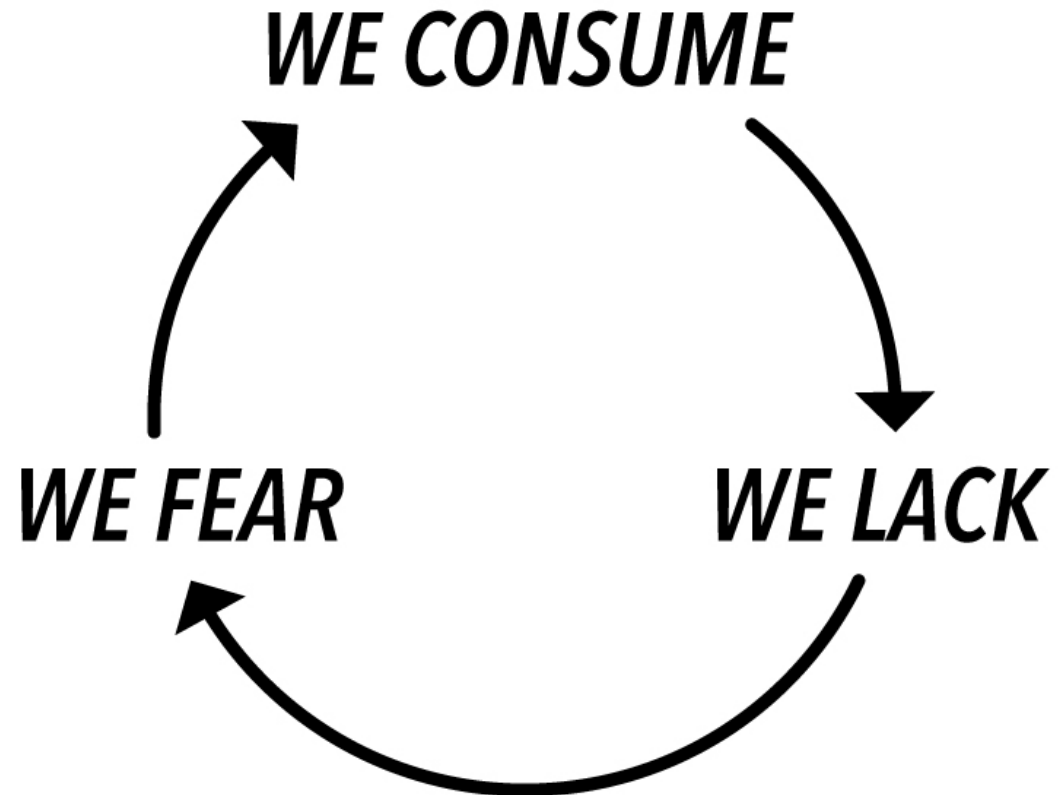


*<sup>10</sup> For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. <sup>11</sup> Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God*

*- 2 Cor 9:10-11 NLT*

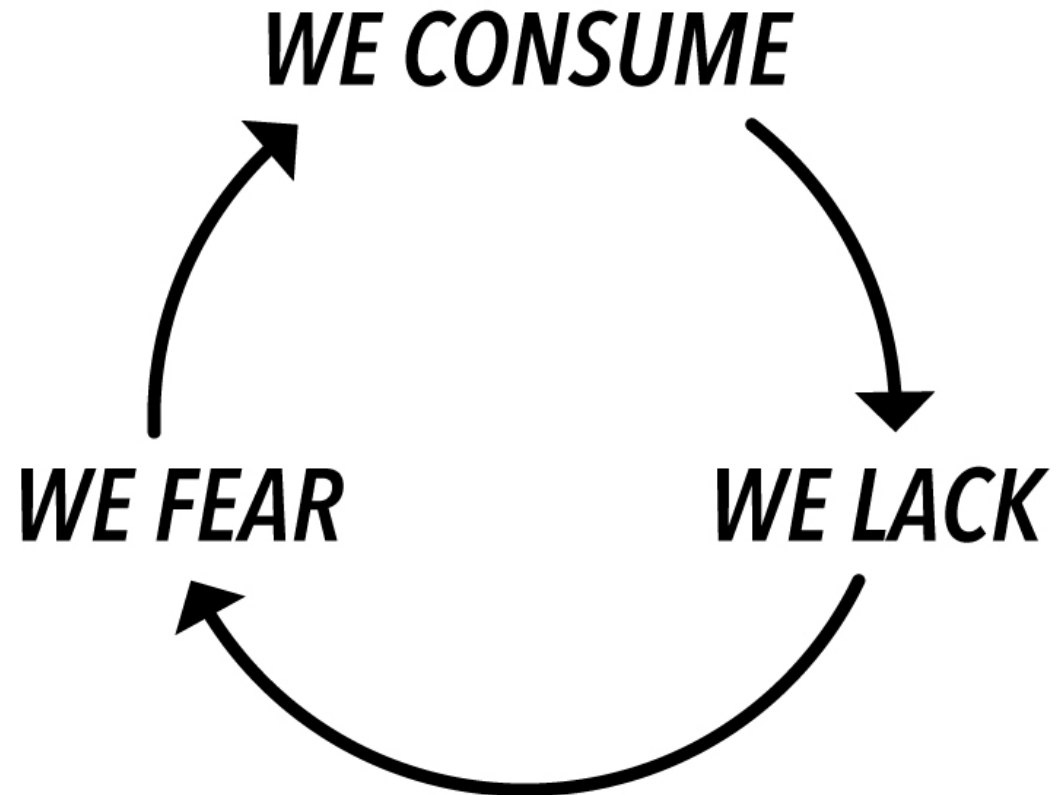


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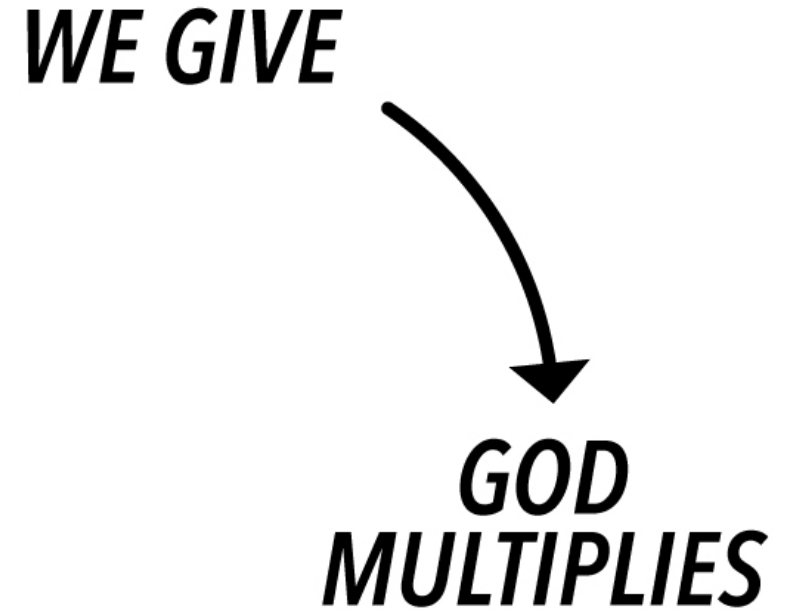
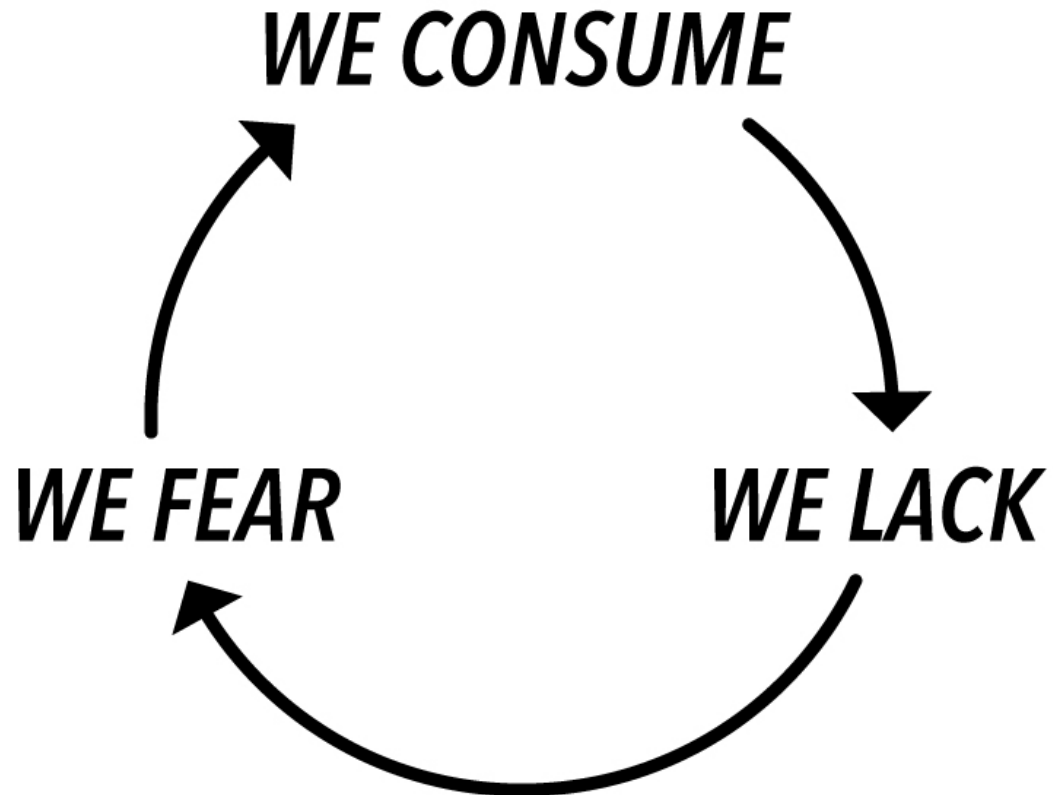
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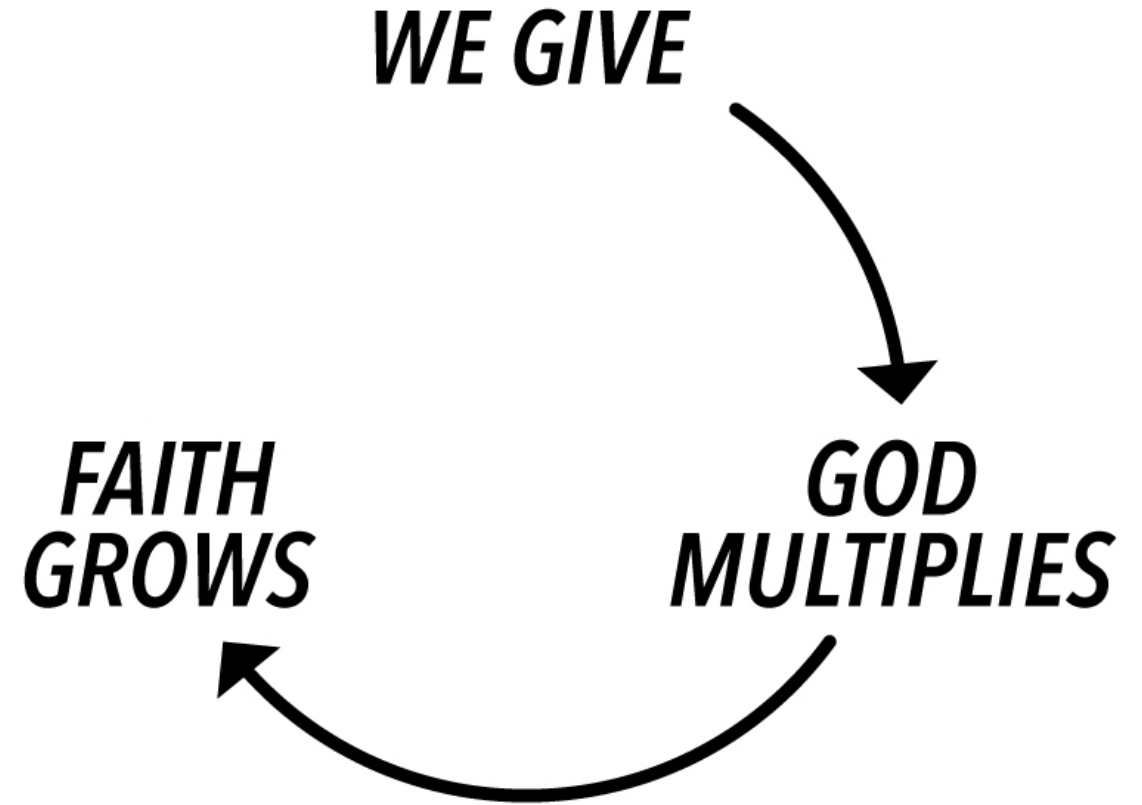
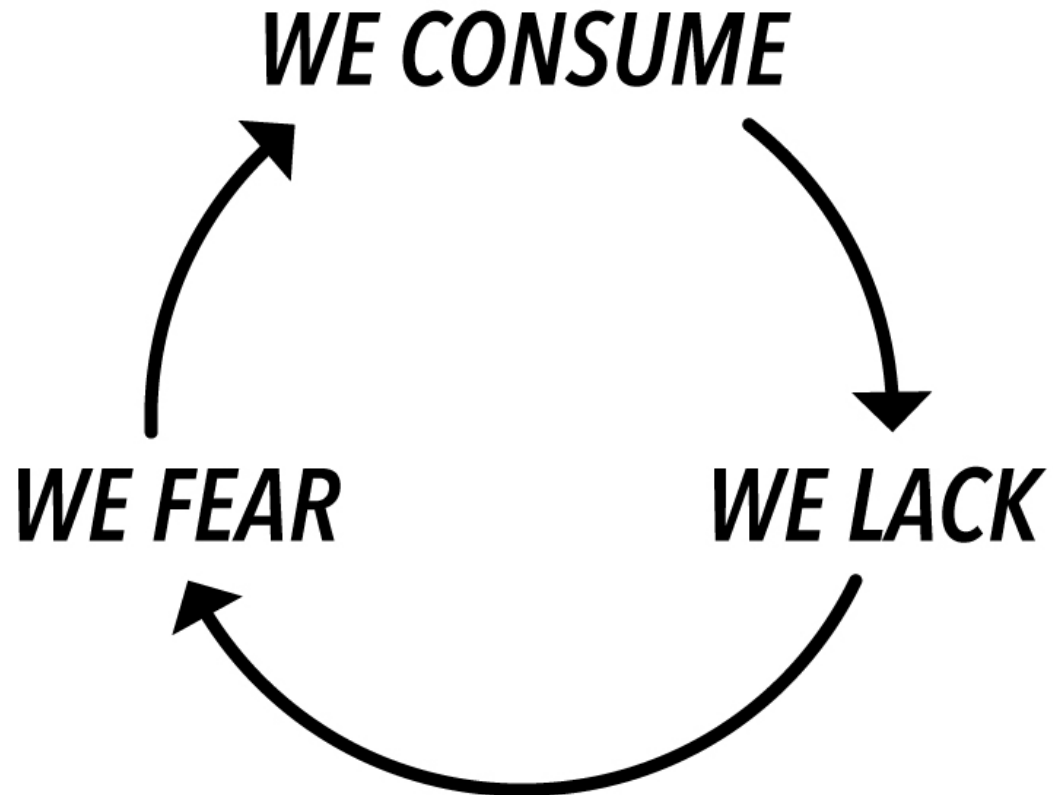




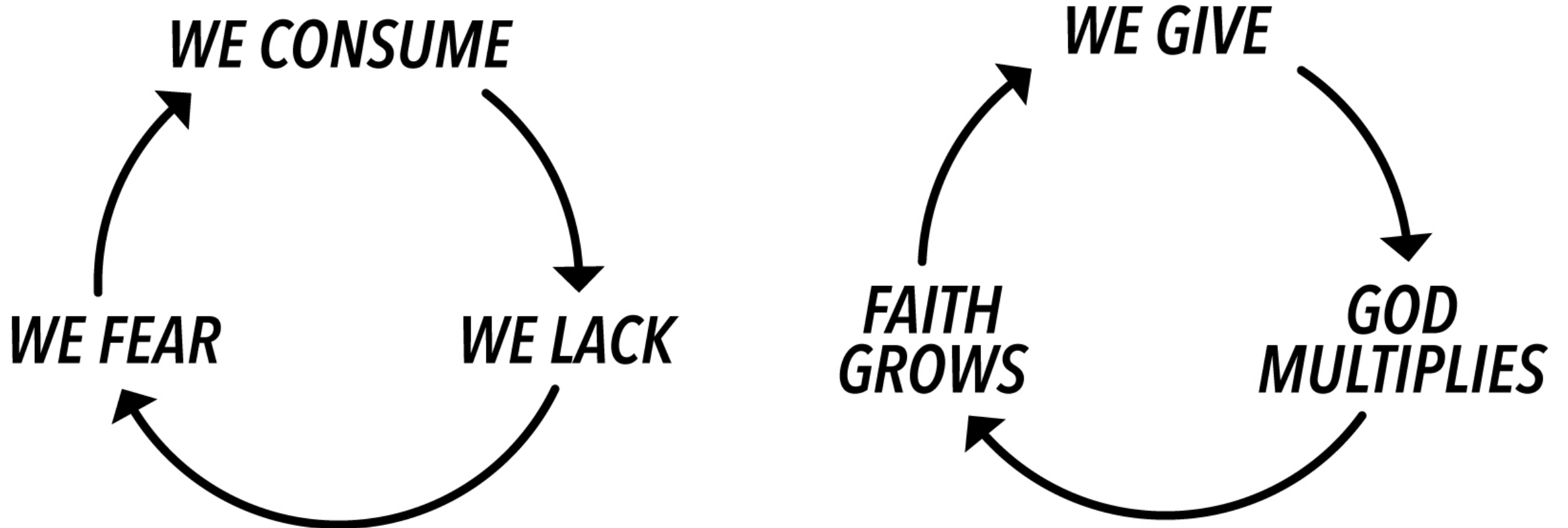
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# CONFIRMATION





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