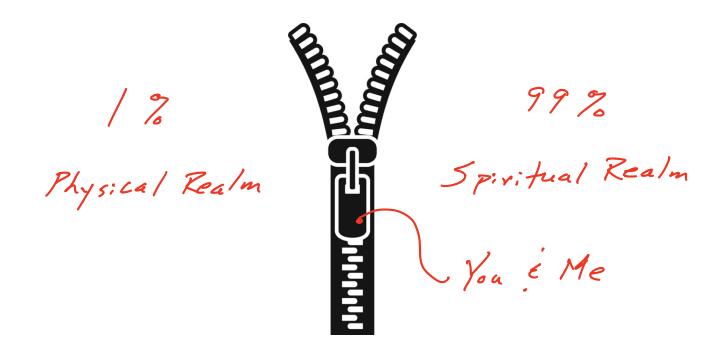
# Uniting the 1% and 99% Worlds 2 Corinthians 8-9



#### Revelation 21:7-8

The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be My son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.

## A Slippery Spiritual Slope

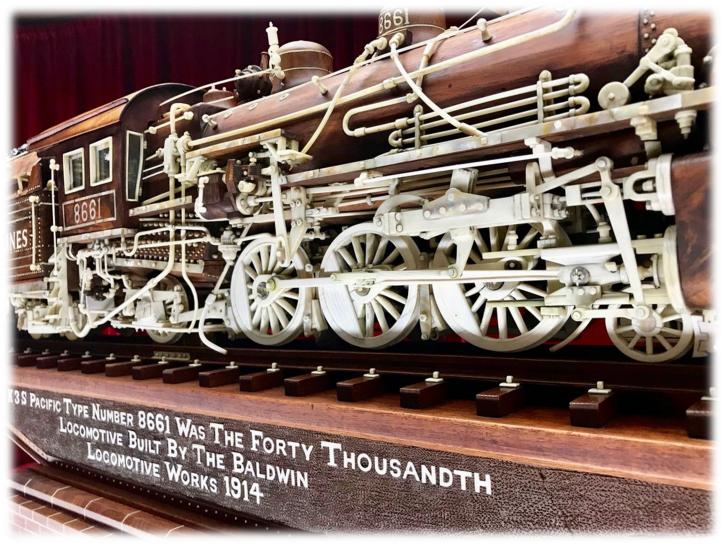
- Cowardly (2Tim.1:7 / John 14:27 / Deut. 1:21)
- Faithless (Luke 12:46)
- Detestable (Titus 1:16) "foul smelling"

- Murderers
- Sexually Immoral
   Sorcerers (φαρμακοις φαρμακεια)
   Idolaters
- Idolaters
- Liars → like Satan (John 8:44)

### **1Timothy 6:10**

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

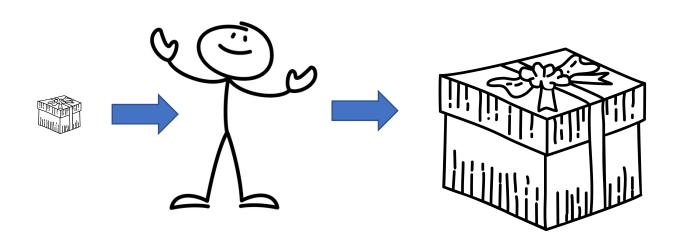
# All sin is theft. All righteousness is giving.



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#### Matthew 14:16-18

But Yeshua said, "They need not go away. You give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to Me."



#### Matthew 14:19-21

Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and made a blessing. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the

broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

- Recognize what you have
- Express gratitude
- Brokenness
- Giving
- Satisfaction

#### 2Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- How many instances in the Bible can you think of where cowardice led to lying. (Can you think examples from your own life?)
- How does a healthy fear of God prevent fear of everything else?
- In 9:9 Paul quotes Psalm 112. Read and discuss this short psalm. What does it say about fear? What does it state are the attributes of a righteous person?
- Taking turns in your group, tell the person to your right what seed you see in their lives that they can sow (or are sowing) that will bear a great harvest.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Psalm 112 is an acrostic psalm. Its 22 short phrases begin with the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

#### **NOTES:**

2 Timothy 1:7 For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

**John 14:27** Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be <u>afraid</u>.

**Deuteronomy 1:21** See, Adonai your God has set the land before you. Go up, take possession, as Adonai, the God of your fathers, has told you. Do not <u>fear</u> or be dismayed.'

**Luke 12:46** The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the <u>unfaithful</u>.

**Titus 1:16** They profess to know God, but they deny Him by their works. They are <u>detestable</u>, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

**John 8:44** [Satan] was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

**Exodus 16:18-21** But when they measured it with an *omer*, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning." But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

James 3:18 And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

**Galatians 6:7-8** Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the spirit will from the spirit reap eternal life.

**Proverbs 11:18** The wicked earns deceptive wages, but one who sows righteousness gets a sure reward.

**Hosea 10:12** Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek Adonai, that He may come and rain righteousness upon you.