



# Lenses for Engaging Scripture

- Standalone Sanctity
- Relevance to Reality
- Adaptive Change

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# What evidence is there that people struggle with knowing what it means to have enough?

- · Consumerism and Materialism
- Debt and Financial Stress
- · Workaholism and Burnout
- Fear of Missing Out (FOMO)
- · Social Comparison
- Hoarding and Excessive Accumulation
- Overconsumption and Environmental Impact
- Mental Health Challenges (anxiety, depression, eating disorders
   These conditions may be linked to feelings of inadequacy, insatiable desires, or distorted sese of personal worth:
- Discontentment and lack of gratitude.

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# Relevance to Reality

- \$1 Trillion in credit card debt
  - "Don't blame rising interest rates. Look in the mirror." –WSJ
- 6 sq feet of storage per person

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### Stewardship?

- Duty and responsibility
- Expectation of prudent management
- Focus on percentage, not limit

Does it put too much pressure on us with too little emphasis on relationship with stuff and with God?





# **Distinguishing Technical and Adaptive Change**

|           | What's the Work?           | Who Does the Work?             |
|-----------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Technical | Apply current know-<br>how | Authorities                    |
| Adaptive  | Learn new ways             | The people with the<br>problem |
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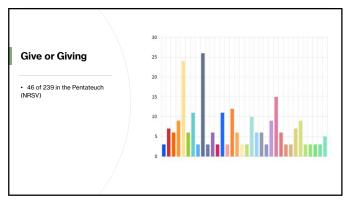
### **Adaptive Change**

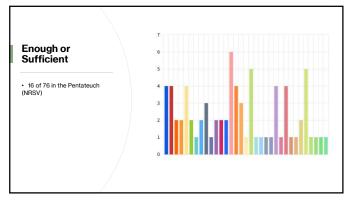
"You know you're dealing with something more than a technical issue when people's hearts and minds need to change, and not just their preferences or routine behaviors. In an adaptive challenge, people have to learn new ways and choose between what appear to be contradictory values."

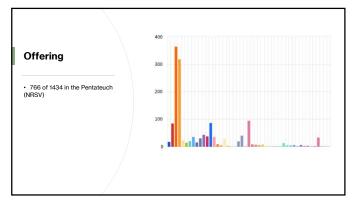
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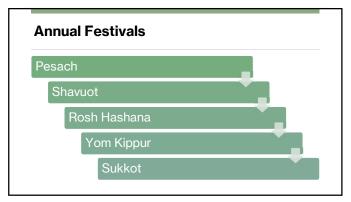












| Two Cycles of Festivals     |              |  |
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| Judiac History              | Creation     |  |
| Pesach (Passover)           | Rosh Hashana |  |
| Shavuot (Festival of Weeks) | Yom Kippur   |  |
| Sukkot (Festival of Tal     | bernacles)   |  |

| Two Cycles of Time               |  |  |  |
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| Redemption/Revelation            | Creation/Relationship                            |  |  |
| Pesach (Passover)                | 7 <sup>th</sup> Day (Shabuoth)                   |  |  |
| Shavuot (Festival of Weeks)      | 7 <sup>th</sup> Month (Rosh Hashana)             |  |  |
| Sukkot (Festival of Tabernacles) | 7 <sup>th</sup> Year                             |  |  |
|                                  | 7 <sup>th</sup> Set of & Years (Year of Jubilee) |  |  |



# Relational Giving Sufficiency Stewardship Having is okay We don't really have God as provides and entrusts God as absent Landlord Reflective Giving Prescribed Giving God's provision Relies on our

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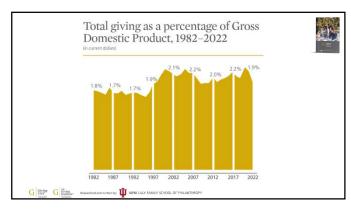
### Is Stewardship a Calling or a Warning?

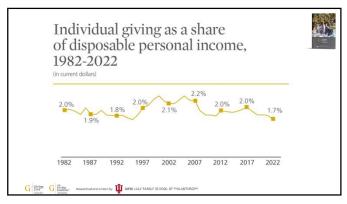
"Be not anxious! Earthly possessions dazzle our eyes and delude us into thinking that they can provide security and freedom from anxiety. Yet all the time they are the very source of all anxiety. If our hearts are set on them, our reward is an anxiety whose burden is intolerable. Anxiety creates its own treasures and they in turn beget further care."

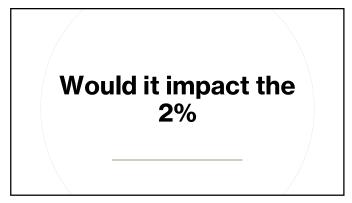
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## Living out Sufficiency

- How do we experience sufficiency in our own personal lives?
- How do we invite others into lives of sufficiency?
- How do we organizationally experience sufficiency?
- · How is sufficiency "Good News"?

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