

## Resources Shared from February 11 Questioning Together

“How Much is Enough?”

A Conversation with Dean Steve Thomason

Juliet Schor’s [“The Overspent American”](#)

Human Flourishing, Positive Psychology and Happiness:

Seligman, Martin P. *Authentic Happiness*. New York: Atria. 2003

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Biblical reference

- What does the Bible Say?
  - Agrarian tithe—first tenth of crops, animal offspring, etc.
  - 2 Cor. 8 & 9—collection taken for the churches in need
    - To ease suffering from economic plight of early church
    - To create community/sense of unity among the churches
    - Giving is a “privilege”, a “generous act,” a “blessing,” a gift (charis=grace)
    - Each gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, giving themselves first to God, then to the churches in need
    - 2 Cor 9:7 “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a **cheerful** giver. (Gr.*Hilaron*= cheerful, glad, but also kind, gracious)
  - Give in response to a blessing (see all of life as a gift, stewards...)
  - *It does not say*: give to get something in return (not bribing God), but the more you sow, the more you reap (what do you think that means?)
  - Give joyfully